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AS WE go to press, General Assembly is convening. Much prayer will be offered in our society meetings this month for God's blessing on this event of our Church year, and this epoch of our Church history. Reports to be presented there from the Boards of Missions, will be such as to give impetus to the missionary spirit of the occasion.

An account of the Woman's Meeting, on May 21st, may be looked for next month.

ANOTHER present theme for prayer is the coming World's Missionary Conference in London, June 9-19. Foremost representatives of the Christian world will unite in deliberation upon missionary problems of the first importance. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held in Exeter Hall, and among the eighty-six different propositions before the Assembly will be the following: The condition and increase of the heathen and their claim upon the Church; the place of education in missions; medical missions; woman's work for woman; commerce and missions; the increase of Islam.

THE resignation of William Rankin, for thirty-eight years Treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions, goes into effect this month. With a generation of givers his name has been a household word, and they will hardly know how to make out a check for Persia or China to any other order. A chair and desk here will still be at Mr. Rankin's service, so that we trust the presence of one who has so long been indentified with the integrity and reputation and disbursements of the Board, will not be wholly withdrawn from the Mission House.

THE warning recently given that all missionaries should be vaccinated before departure, receives new emphasis. A promising graduate from Hamilton College, twenty-three years old, sailed for Ahmednagar last September, and died there of small-pox in April.

MR. and MRS. GAULT arrived safely from the Gaboon on May 6th.

NINGPO, CHINA, March 16th, 1888.

DEAR "WOMAN'S WORK":

Will you allow me, through you, to thank the "Unknown Friend," who so kindly remembered me with a very interesting letter, bearing date "Philadelphia, December 8th, 1887"?

Such is the cup of cold water given to the least of the Lord's disciples in His name, and has its promise of reward.

Frances Butler.

THE Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street, was filled on Tuesday morning, May 8th, when the Woman's Foreign Board of the Reformed Church held its fourteenth anniversary. Interesting reports by Secretaries and Treasurer indicated progress all along the lines, both in doing and in giving. Addresses followed by Rev. James H. Ballagh, of Yokohama, Rev. L. R. Scudder, of India, and Dr. A. T. Pierson

We congratulate our friends of a kindred denomination. Their music and banners inspire us in our marching, and we rejoice over their victories as if they were our own.

FOR the first time, a public union meeting has been held by the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society of Friends, in this country. Their organization consists of separate Boards, which co-operate and constitute a union rather than a society. Their Conference, which was held in Indianapolis from March 31st to April 5th, was obliged to choose its officers for the occasion. Friends' missionary ladies were present from Madagascar and from among the North American Indians, and missionaries of other Boards, including Dr. Post, of Beirût, delivered addresses. One who was present said of this union that "though representing smaller numbers than some others, she has a degree of ability and vigor and a purity of purpose that assure power."

THE *Presbyterian Review*, of Toronto, says that no department of their Church work in Canada has prospered in such a marked manner the past year, as their Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. At their twelfth annual meeting, recently, it appeared they have gained 150 societies since a year ago. They now number 351 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 9025, and 124 Bands, with membership of 3829. "They don't make long speeches," says the *Review*, "nor bring in long, wordy reports, but they *do* push on the work and bring in the money."

WE have received an earnest little pamphlet emanating from that seat of earnest endeavor, Park College, Mo., proposing a general missionary movement among miscellaneous organizations of young people. It is proposed that Sunday-schools, Societies of Christian Endeavor, and similar unions, pledge themselves to systematic gifts in support of their own missionary. Why not?

THROUGH Mr. Robert Wilder, we have seen a letter from a Norwegian theological student inquiring how he can obtain foreign missionary magazines. He says their "academic missionary society has existed seven years, and can rejoice at a very vivid sympathy from the students," but they have been limited to Norwegian and German magazines. Who speaks to send a copy of *W. W. W.* to this society in Norway?

A LADY, writing from Japan, says: "The Japanese church members set their American brethren a good example in bringing their children to church. It is not uncommon for a dozen babies to be present at the services. We have a whole class of little nurses in our Yokohama Sunday-school. These nurses are young girls, and each one has the care of a baby, which is fastened on her back. One Sunday I counted twenty-eight of these little nurses with babies on their backs in our school."

"ONE would be a very weak, cold Christian," writes one of our new missionaries to China, "not to dread the possibility of being taken from such opportunities. You can have no idea what it is here. One wishes she could be a thousand clarion voices, shouting 'come to the Saviour,' rather than one halting for words, and too low to reach more than a few ears."

I WANT to call for missionaries and money for Siam. Eight millions of people to be reached, and not one-hundredth of an adequate force in the field; England raising one and a half million pounds for missionary purposes, and we less; England spending one hundred and twenty-four million pounds for drink, and we more. Oh, for men, women, money—and especially women. I say the last advisedly, after a careful study of missionary fields.—*Mrs. Leavitt in The Union Signal.*

ELEVEN boys in the Lodiana school confessed faith in Christ the past year. They are of the second generation of Christians, and five of them propose the ministry as their life-work.

MRS. MARCH compares the people at the port of Tripoli and those in the city. She says the former are "quite another kind, simpler, and very bigoted. The Sunday and Thursday night meetings are attended (at the port) by a crowd of fishermen and sponge divers, rough and wicked, but apparently interested. They came every night during the week of prayer, asking each night if there would be a meeting to-morrow."

OUR MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA,

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

All Letters for the Gaboon and Corisco Missions are addressed Gaboon, West Africa.

Mrs. C. De Heer, Benita.
Mrs. Louise Reutlinger, "
Mrs. Arthur W. Marling, Angom.
Mrs. T. Spencer Ogden, "
Mrs. A. C. Good, Kangwe.
Miss Mary Harding, "
Miss Isabella A. Nassau, Talaguga.

In this Country.—Mrs. W. C. Gault, Fernwood, Jefferson Co., Ohio.

THE DEBTOR CHRIST.

Quid est mihi et tibi?

What, woman, is my debt to thee,
That I should not deny
The boon thou dost demand of me?
"*I gave Thee power to die.*"

St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md. *John B. Tabb.*

A GREETING TO THE "STUDENT VOLUNTEERS" FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have been keenly alive to the facts of this movement among you. Ever since the first rustle in "the tops of the mulberry trees" at Mt. Hermon, we have listened with increasing confidence and thankfulness to the sound of your mustering, from college to college and state to state. The fervor of your enthusiasm has reached us. The boldness of your courage has fired us. We have said: Are the young men of the haystack prayer-meeting again with us? Are Henry Martyn and Carey once more moving in the churches? We have watched whereto this thing would grow and devoutly thanked God as it has kept on in a broadening channel of power, without disorderly elements or unwholesome influence. We see that God is guiding you, and whereas, at first, we trembled lest your ardor of consecration should be quenched in the coldness of an unready Church, we see now that it is permitted you, yourselves, to some extent to find resources and to "send" as well as "go." Now that your numbers have reached more than two thousand, of whom five hundred and fifty are said to be young women, we cannot longer deny ourselves heartfelt expression of sympathy with you and our hope that you are to do more than you have yet dreamed, for both the Christian Church and for the heathen world. Wherefore, stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

But while our interest in you all, as one body, is unfeigned, there is a special claim upon our sympathy for those "five hundred and fifty," and it is to *them* we desire to address a few words at this time, particularly to such of them as are daughters of the Presbyterian Church, or whose relations are such that they would propose to enter the service under its Board of Foreign Missions.

Without any prophetic insight, we know, young ladies, that some of you will never accomplish your present purpose. Some of you now most confident of going, will never be foreign missionaries *in facto.* Different detaining causes will prevent; but, nevertheless, we believe regarding every one of you, that this has not been an ineffectual calling. Henceforth, whether you go or stay, you are under obligation to render a service to the Church of Christ more unreserved, of greater enrichment, of a higher standard, by so much as this call from heaven has penetrated your soul. Bind this as a memorial upon your forehead and write it on the table of your heart. It is not for you to go back to lower ideals.

Others of you are very young and it must be a long time before you can suitably embark on this enterprise. We find it generally inexpedient to send out single ladies younger than twenty-five. Whether your studies are nearly completed and you now approach this age, or whether it seems to you a period indefinitely away; concerning the attitude in which you may meanwhile hold yourselves towards the end in view, we urge upon you to be:

First, Ready.

Second, Getting Ready.

Steadfast and with a single eye, stand ready to fulfill your written pledge; but, not obstinately purposed, be yet more ready to hear the Master's command whether "Go, I am with you," or, "Stay, I am with you." Do not try to overturn His providences. He knows better than we know.

Whether your allotted time of preparation be months or years, you may be getting ready. The breadth of the physical atmosphere from horizon line to horizon always remains the same, but it makes every difference to our breathing apparatus what the density and moisture of that atmosphere is. Nothing tells like *quality* in missionary work. A few years of skillful, tactful, spiritual labor may easily weigh down a lifetime of blundering experiment.

So, be getting ready! Don't let an opportunity for self-cultivation in any direction slip by you. First of all, we recommend you to cultivate yourselves in the Scriptures. Make use of the best Bible-teaching, the many aids now in circulation for interpretation of the Scriptures. Know the Bible by heart; learn it on your knees. Of course you will practice yourself in teaching it, and the greater your familiarity with it, the better your prospect for usefulness. If not quick and ready and fond of imparting Bible truth in your own English, what will you do when you wrestle with it in a strange tongue?

Time will be well spent, too, in acquainting yourself with the history of modern missionary effort. Ground yourself in the facts. Read the lives of the pioneers. Embrace their spirit.

Cultivate yourself practically — your eye, your hand. There's a great deal necessary on your part besides simple willingness to go. One unpractical lady at a station is a burden on all the other members. Learn to take care of yourself, to nurse the sick, to cook, to cut a dress. Learn to be handy. "Give us grit as well as grace," said one who knew.

Cultivate accomplishments. Don't decline an opportunity. Study botany, study geology, study archæology and languages. They will be a resource to yourself and make you better able to handle your foreign surroundings, and they need hinder no prayers. Cultivate art, especially music. It is an available weapon on mission ground. Don't be afraid of wasting gifts and graces on pagans and savages. Some of the most polished and highly endowed of our countrywomen have spent their lives for Zulu Land. But lately, when one of the sweetest of them all, Mrs. Josiah Tyler, was laid in her last resting-place, the only service over her coffin, among the crowd of black faces surrounding it, was in the Zulu tongue, and, last of all, came a still unrepentant old chief, weeping that he should see the gentle teacher's face no more. And if grace of mind and manner are not lost on Zulus, is not something of it demanded for winning courtly, Spanish-speaking people and ancient races accustomed to a punctilious etiquette?

And finally, dear "Volunteers," we would encourage you to make yourselves known to officers of societies. You are hidden away in homes and schools, and we don't know where to find you. Get your pastor or some teacher to introduce you; or write, yourself, to some officer of the Woman's Board in your section of the country (see third page of cover of this magazine); or write directly to this office. Your communications will be held as confidential as you wish, and we would gladly further you on your way.

A FEW USEFUL STATISTICS.

(From the Summary Report of the Gaboon and Corisco Mission for 1888.)

Of the six churches in these missions, that at BOLONDO, in the Benita district, under charge of Rev. C. De Heer, has the largest membership, 195. It was founded in 1869. The next in size, at BATANGA, numbers 128 and Rev. Frank Myongo is pastor. It is ten years old. Number three, at BATA, enrolls 113; EVUNI follows with 90 members: the two last are cared for by helpers. On beautiful Corisco Island, the Church founded in 1852 is under care of Rev. Ibia F. Ikenje and is a little flock of 85. The oldest church of all is the smallest. It is at BARAKA, numbers 45, and is in charge of a lay missionary, Mr. Reading, assisted by Rev. Ntako

Truman. Kangwe Church, has a present membership of 91, and Rev. A. C. Good has care of it as well as six substations, assisted by as many helpers. Mr. De Heer directs 12 helpers among 7 substations. Two helpers are on Corisco, and one at Talaguga with Dr. Nassau.

Students for the ministry, last year, were 8; children in school (at Batanga and Corisco) 115; and Sunday-school scholars 627 in all.

Rev A. W. Marling is opening up the district around ANGOM, with use of two languages, and Mr. Peter Menkel, a lay missionary, is captain of the sailing vessel, the Nassau, which plies on the Gaboon River.

Miss Jones, formerly at Baraka, proposes to remain in America for the present.

WEST EQUATORIAL
AFRICA.
Showing the relation of the Missions of the Presbyterian Board at Caboon and Corisco to the Valley of the Congo.
SCALE OF MILES
0 50 100 200 300 400
ATLANTIC
O CEAN
Cameroons
Bethel
Princes I.
Corisco
Gaboon
St Thomas
Mayumba
Rudolfstadt
Loanda
Kabinda
Banana
Congo
Ambriz
Loando
Kuanza
Dondo
Malanj
Kasanj
S. José
ANGOLA
Ambaca
CONGO
Vivi
Salvador
Isangila
Manyanga
Brazzaville
Kwilu
Leopoldville
Stanley Pool
Baynestown
Underhill
Makoko
Msuata
Franceville
Alima
Mramba
Umbete
Lukolela
Mozé
Baloba
Leopold II
Abishie
Ikengo
Equatorville
Uranga
Loboco
Marun
Lisala
Congo
Kasai
Kuango
Kwa
Ikutu Ibari
Bonga
Bakele
Akanda
Oruma
Talagaga
Baraka
Mpongwe
Bolengo
Lomo
Benito R.
Benga
Mbiko
Kaka
Kwa
Ogowe
Ogowe
Ndjole
Lambaréné
Cape Lopez
Cape Esterias
Bonny
Old Calabar
Nigre
Niger
Bras
Creek
Nuke
Fernando Po
Isu
Lanaka
Batanga
Lobo
Balengo
Bonjongwe
Mpongwe
Bolobo
Berg
Mpongwe
Muraka
Bonny
Calabar
Benito R.
Benga
Mbiko
Kaka
Kwa
Ogowe
Ogowe
Ndjole
Lambaréné
Cape Lopez
Cape Esterias
Bonny
Old Calabar
Nigre
Niger
Bras
Creek
Nuke
Fernando Po
Isu
Lanaka
Batanga
Lobo
Balengo
Bonjongwe
Mpongwe
Bolobo
Berg

blood-washed and angelic hosts, as he takes his well earned place in the glorious army of the martyrs of Africa.

From the first, he did not seem to offer himself tentatively or feebly; rather it was impossible to keep him back.

When he had been once through the Dark Continent in fever agony, in every danger and unspeakable suffering (and hardly could a saint upon a gridiron of torture endure more), he returned, most unwillingly, to his native land and loving wife and darling babes; escaped with his life to rest on well earned laurels. Rest? And Africa unwon! No! He asked to go again. The Mission Board said: "*Never.*" Then he took his stand with ever-reverberating knocks upon their door, and when suddenly his irresistible importunity breaks down the door, his wife receives this letter:

MY DEAR:

Hallelujah, Amen,
Hallelujah, Amen,
Hallelujah, Amen.

HALLELUJAH!!!

HALLELUJAH!!

And again I cry, *Hallelujah!*

What an astonishing letter! Astonishing to a dilatory, world-weakened, self-excusing Church! But his letter may not have astonished the angels. They would love to go. But *they* are not permitted; such honor is reserved for Hanningtons! And he went—a consecrated bishop, strong as a giant, fresh as a boy, tender as a woman, and loving as a little child.

Oh, how he yearned over Africa for Christ, as inch by inch and mile by mile he invaded the territory, and by faith took possession for his King. If there were forests, he wanted them for Christ; if water and fruitful land—for Him; if homelike scenery, "May God give Chagga to His Son." "It is a lovely spot. I often exclaimed: 'Here is England. You see England here?' Yes, and that part of England which I love best, dear Devonshire." If he tramped four hundred miles and saw the most magnificent snow-capped, sun-dazzling mountain in the world, it is to pray: "May its result be the planting of the cross of Christ on Kilama-Njaro."

At one time he concludes a long journey by walking over the roughnesses of the savage Duruma country one hundred and twenty miles in three days. Undaunted, he writes: "And so I go forward, the Lord being my helper, to endeavor to open up the country of the Masai."

Unlike another great conqueror, he did not cut his bridges behind him. He left them up to draw all England and all Christendom after him. He wanted their interest, sympathy, co-operation and prayers. "He was never content (like Paul) unless he believed that all his friends were praying for him. Prayer was to him in the most real sense the rope which pulls the bell in heaven." In the midst of his work he longs to fly back to England just long enough to shout: "East Equatorial Africa needs your prayers!"

And so, on and up our eagle soars, and when he reaches the sun, behold! it is the Sun of Righteousness shining for Africa with healing in his wings!

It is the last scene. Two soldiers stand ready to plunge their spears into his body. He arrests them for a moment by his strange commanding power, and drawing himself up to his full height, delivers his last message: "Tell the king I die for his people, and have purchased the road to U-Ganda with my life."

No wonder, when this message was repeated in England, that fifty of her noblest young men eagerly offered themselves as heralds to bear the cross over the road to U-Ganda red with Hannington's blood, into the heart of this precious, precious Africa.

Sarah J. Rhea.

THE parquet and four galleries of the opera house in this city were filled on the morning of May 12th, when Bishop Taylor delivered his report on the last four years' work in Africa before the Methodist Episcopal Conference. He advocates more strongly than ever his principles of self-supporting missions and lay-missionaries. He has opened 36 new stations in Africa among more than 30 tribes.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Reading, we are able to present a cut of the chapel-like little church around which have centered so many hallowed associations, during the past year. It may be that some great cathedral has witnessed less manifestation of God's glory, and had less reason to be called "the place where Thine honor dwelleth."

The stream seen in the picture is not the Ogove, but the Ajumba Creek which flows into the Ogove, at a point a little south of our view.

THE CHURCH AT KANGWE.

It is two years now since a blessed work of grace began at Kangwe. In June 1886, twenty-three joined the inquiry class. At the end of 1886, Miss Harding, who lives up on a hill on our right, with her mother, wrote: "We are having a growing revival." In Feb. 1887, she wrote: "The revival is still going on here. Eighty joined the probation class at December communion." In Oct. 1887, she wrote again as follows: "Our revival still continues. Dr. Nassau of Talaguga took charge of the communion services in Mr. Good's absence; thirty-six were added to the class and ten were baptized. The solemnity of the service was increased by the death and burial of the little daughter of two members of the class, a strong, bright little girl about three years old. She was named Mary after myself, so I was one of the mourners. Her ailment was that fell disease pneumonia, that has dug the third grave by our pretty, little, new church."

From Miss Nassau's ready pen we quote a sketch of one of these communion seasons which in some of its traits resembles them all.

"These quarterly communions have really been a gathering of the tribes. As they literally bring their habitations in the shape of mosquito nets made of the strongest cloth, they

pitch their tents around the church and mission house, (the latter, not seen in the picture, is at our left and very near the church), in the nicely cut grass or under the trees, and, with their own provisions and cooking utensils, they have quite a home feeling and seem very happy from Wednesday or Thursday before Communion Sunday, until Monday or Tuesday after, when with kindly parting words they pass away, in the canoes in which they came. With four or five hundred human beings crowded around you for several days, you might imagine considerable annoyance from noise and loud talking, but there was nothing of the kind. The loudest sound was singing of a perfect cordon of sweet songs. It is wonderful how well the people sing and how quickly they have taken up Mr. Good's beautiful new Mpongwe hymns.

"Both Dr. Nassau and myself felt that we must keep ourselves accessible to the people all the time, and you may know he did, for, with holding session meeting to examine candidates to the inquiry class and to the Church, and with special cases, he must have talked with more than three hundred persons. When not thus engaged, his time was crowded with taking account of the contributions brought, (generally in native provisions), or in settling the quarterly accounts of the Bible-readers. From Wednesday till Saturday afternoon, canoes came, bringing more and new candidates for the class or Church.

"My two small editions of the Mpongwe primer, imperfect as especially the first was, have been helpful in giving the people opportunities of learning to read, and wonderfully have they improved them. Please bear in mind, that for two years there has been no regular school in this district, and yet we are able to make ability to read the Gospel, one test for admission to the Church.

"Sunday was a beautiful day. Ten persons were baptized. All things were done in good order and great solemnity prevailed. There were sad cases of discipline, but even in these we have encouragement, for it shows that the standard in this Church is being raised. The inquiry class now numbers 380. Three services were held and the house crowded every time. The intervals of divine service were filled by singing around the different camp fires, and far into the night they carried their sweet worship."

A SALUTATION FROM AFRICA.

Who speaks to us from that dark, distant land? Nay, is it dark, or is it distant, when the voice is that of a little company of Christian women calling themselves the "Baraka Missionary Society"? Does not the very name bring them near to us, and is not the light of Christ's love brightening their dusky faces?

But it is not only a voice which comes from this little band. Something tangible and visible has accompanied the greeting of sisterly fellowship—even a contribution of $25 to our treasury from these poor ignorant disciples of our Lord Jesus.

Again we ask, are they so poor and ignorant, when they have learned to know the Saviour of the world as their Saviour, and when they are able to share in the work of the King for the advance of His kingdom? They are indeed such as the world would deem poor and illiterate, but the world does not understand the language of Canaan which they speak, nor does it know the storehouse from which they draw their supplies. Truly they are rich and wise compared to many a one filled with the good things and wisdom of earth, yet lacking that which belongs to the treasures of heaven.

But what of this "Baraka Missionary Society," which salutes us from afar? Let us hear what the leader says concerning the little band, after giving their salutations. "We have very pleasant meetings; at our last there were present eleven members and three women who are not members. While the sewing was done, there was read aloud "Extracts from Bishop Hannington's last journals." Ilâti and Handi have recently been enrolled as new members. Ilâti is a new Bible-reader. Handi is a Corisco woman who was helpful to Dr. Nassau in taking care of little Mary during her baby days, and is

now living at Gaboon. She has had four husbands, two of whom died, and from two she separated herself because after marriage to her they became polygamists. Handi and Ilâti belong to a little company of Christian women who are quite helpful to me. * * The women deserve credit for their devotion, and I deem it no small privilege to be their leader."

Shall we not with loving clasp take the hands thus "stretched out" to us from Ethiopia? *M. H. Perkins.*

ROUTE FROM KANGWE TO TALAGUGA.

Travel from Kangwe to Talaguga is by the little trading steamboats, English, French or German, if a passenger journey; or by canoe, if the object is to take up freight. In either case the events of the journey will be much the same, the main difference being, that if a passenger journey only, we shall stop at towns for dinner or to remain over night; but if purely a freight journey, we avoid the towns and eat and camp in the forests or on the sand banks. Why? Because if we stop at a town over night, we must unload the canoe and load again in the morning, nearly a half-day's labor; otherwise goods would surely be stolen. The time in either case is four days, arriving at Talaguga at three or four in the afternoon of the fourth day; distance, about seventy-five miles. Twenty miles is a day's journey; full ten hours' paddling.

Freight journeys are the most frequent and romantic because we have most to do with nature and less with the people. All the boards, doors, windows and shutters for our various houses were thus taken up.

It was my duty as missionary in charge of Kangwe to take supplies to Talaguga, so that mine were the freight journeys, and I will describe one of them.

A large canoe is moored to the landing at Kangwe. The crew have been engaged the day before and slept on the premises so that I may be sure of them when morning comes. We are up before sunrise and there is an unusual bustle. Starting on a long journey is a great event in our African life. It makes as much stir to get off to Talaguga as to get ready to go to America. The crew are always averse to starting. They do not relish the hard work in store for them. It takes urging to get them to carry down the cargo and put it into the canoe. Mrs. Reading sends them down with boxes of canned goods, soap, hardware, cloth, medicines, baskets of farina, and dried fish, ground-nuts and bunches of plantains. These I stow away with care so that the canoe will be properly trimmed. Then come my traveling cot and chair, mats and mosquito nets for the crew, extra paddles and a multitude of little things till everything is ready. All this preparation has been accomplished at the expense of no little urging and scolding, and very likely when the canoe is ready one or more of the crew are missing; but by eight A. M. we are off, and if the crew are not too cross they start with a song, keeping time with their paddles. The French flag floats from a flag-staff at the bow, and we are fairly on our way toward the highlands of the coast range.

The paddlers sit in pairs, facing forwards, and when they are tired change sides. As we pass near towns, people come to the landing to see us and ask where we are going, and they are almost certain to mention bad news from up river, to make the crew still more uneasy. I sit at the stern and steer. In going up we must keep close to the bank to avoid the strong current. A little above Kangwe the river is nearly three miles wide and full of islands. Some are low and covered with coarse grass, others are higher and covered with trees. The river shore is low and mostly flooded in the rainy season. In some places there is the same coarse grass as on the islands; in others the banks are lined with papyrus plant, but mostly there is heavy jungle. Two miles above Kangwe the palm tree is no longer seen and it is not met with again until we pass the coast range and come to the country called Okòta. The African jungle is full of vines which hang down and trail in the water. Many have blossoms, and although the vegetation is coarse, as we pass slowly along many a scene of beauty meets

the eye. The landscape for the first fifty miles above Kangwe is not so pleasing as for fifty miles below. From Kangwe down the river to our station of Igenja the river is quite crooked, lined with hills, and exceedingly beautiful. Above Kangwe the hills recede from the river and leave the banks uniformly low until within twenty-five miles of Talaguga, when they come down to the river again, which narrows rapidly and reminds one of the Hudson where it passes through the Highlands. As the banks are clothed with denser vegetation and a more brilliant sunlight bathes the landscape, the upper Ogove is more beautiful than the Hudson. Ten miles above Kangwe the Ngunge, a larger river than the Mohawk empties into the Ogove from the south. Kangwe and Talaguga are both on the right bank of the river; the left hand going *up*.

About noon of the first day we reach a point in the forest almost opposite the mouth of the Ngunge and, as June is the first month of the dry season, the river will be low enough for us to go ashore and cook our dinner. We do not make much account of dinner and we eat no breakfast. Africans will work only on an empty stomach; when they are filled they want to sleep. The men boil a pot of plantains and I eat a cold lunch or share with them. Afterwards they take a smoke and we are off again. It takes two hours for our noon lunch. The sun is now very hot and the crew tired, so the canoe creeps along at a snail's pace. Toward evening the crew pull with more energy, and as the day's journey draws to a close they sing their boat songs and the last two hours of the day are quite pleasant.

At every town along the river from Kangwe to Talaguga there are Native traders, men who have been educated in the French or American Missions, who take goods on trust from the great trading companies and go to these towns, or exchange them for ivory, rubber and ebony; and at intervals there are English, French or German trading posts as far as up to Njoli Island, three miles above Talaguga, and the head of steam navigation.

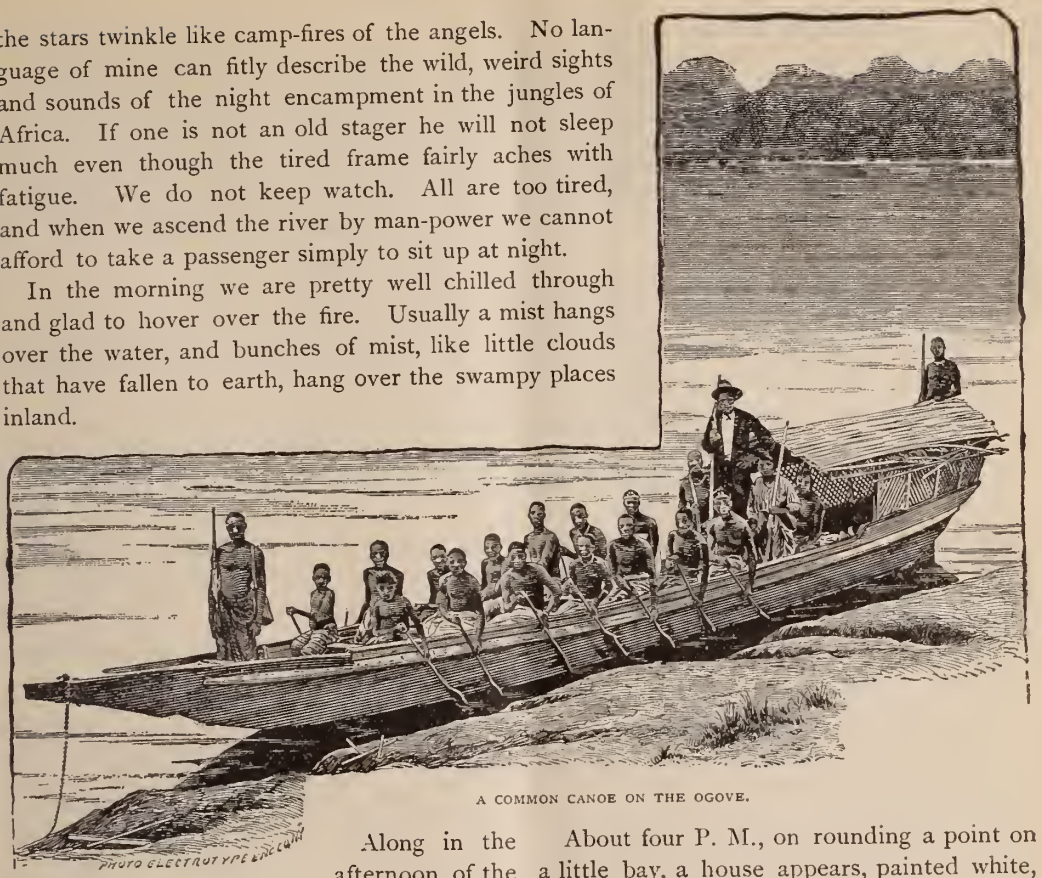
From Kangwe up, the river banks are lined with villages, often so near together as to be almost continuous; at other times three miles apart. This was not always so. When I went up the Ogove in 1876 there were not half as many villages as now. People who used to live in the depths of the forest have come out to the river so as to be near the white man and get his goods. This makes it easier to reach them with the Gospel message. Nearly all this large population are cannibals. As we pass their towns they salute us and want us to come ashore. If we decline they often threaten us, and in a few cases have fired upon us. They do not call us because they want our religion. They are natural robbers and their whole lives are filled with the one thought of getting goods.

During the afternoon of the second day we pass Belambila where Dr. Nassau courageously attempted in 1876 to found a mission station. The people robbed him of everything and he was reluctantly compelled to leave. He has always been the pioneer of the Mission and has perhaps suffered as much hardship as any living missionary.

Sometimes it is after dark before we find a place to spend the night, but if possible we like to get ashore by daylight. On landing, the first thing is to secure the canoe. It must be made fast to the bank and, if possible, inside a log or bushes. There are many hippopotami in the river, and it is just fun for them to capsize a canoe and then stick their heads out of the water to see what you are going to do about it. The crew are divided into parties. Some go for fire-wood; others cut poles and stick them in the ground and hang heavy mosquito nets upon them; others prepare plantains and dried fish for their supper, and one gets mine. As soon as it is dark we kindle torches, or if the wind doesn't blow too much I have a candle for myself. Several fires are made, the flames from which light up the gloom of the surrounding forest. The mosquito nets look quite like tents. The half-naked crew are gathered about the fires, joking. The river horses splash and the wild creatures of the wood cry in the jungle. From across the river tom-toms announce the progress of a dance or some heathen festival, and above in the black vault of heaven

the stars twinkle like camp-fires of the angels. No language of mine can fitly describe the wild, weird sights and sounds of the night encampment in the jungles of Africa. If one is not an old stager he will not sleep much even though the tired frame fairly aches with fatigue. We do not keep watch. All are too tired, and when we ascend the river by man-power we cannot afford to take a passenger simply to sit up at night.

In the morning we are pretty well chilled through and glad to hover over the fire. Usually a mist hangs over the water, and bunches of mist, like little clouds that have fallen to earth, hang over the swampy places inland.



A COMMON CANOE ON THE OGOVE.

Along in the afternoon of the third day, the river narrows rapidly and the hills that before were away back in the country come down to the river. The character of the landscape is quite changed. Haziness in the air gives place to clearness; rivulets of clear water take the place of creeks, and the current of the river is stronger. By noon of the fourth day, Talaguga Mountain looms up dark and grand against the sky. It is wooded to the summit, and at least 1000 feet high. The river here is not more than 400 to 500 feet wide.

About four P. M., on rounding a point on a little bay, a house appears, painted white, with green blinds and wide veranda. Other houses are grouped near, and just back is a small level place covered with broad-leaved bananas. This is Talaguga, on the very brink of the river. The boys sing a boat-song in their loudest tones, the paddles dip rapidly as we creep across the swift river, a rifle shot sends greeting from the mission-house, and soon we are alongside the bank and exchanging salutations with our friends.

Joseph H. Reading.

Among the many who rose for prayers in the January meetings at Benita, was a sorceress or fetich doctor known far and wide. She brought the implements of her art and burned them publicly.

The first congregation of South Africans was gathered at Gnadenthal by George Schmidt, who was sent out by the Moravians from Germany in 1737. He preached to the Hottentots for six years, and was then driven from the country, not by them, but by the Dutch settlers. The little flock he left met for worship under a pear tree which Schmidt had planted in his garden, and the reader in those meetings was a woman whom he had baptized Magdalena. Fifty years after Schmidt's expulsion, his successors found one survivor of his little congregation at Gnadenthal. It was Magdalena, old and almost blind, who preserved her copy of the New Testament wrapped carefully in a double sheepskin.

In July, 1887, the Moravian Mission in Cape Colony commemorated the 250th anniversary of the landing of George Schmidt at Cape Town. Instead of his one station (where now is a Sunday congregation of 3000), there are now sixteen stations, sixty missionary agents, more than 12,000 Christian people.

Dr. Krapf, a German from the Basle Institute, was one of the first men sent to Africa under the Church Missionary Society. He became widely known and honored as explorer, linguist and evangelist in East Africa. He was found, like Livingstone, dead upon his knees, in November, 1881, in his German home.

"AFTER MANY DAYS."

(A letter written from Ningpo to one who served in that field twenty-four years ago, is a sample of what many of our retired missionaries have to cheer them, as they go on towards the sunset. Young missionaries might perhaps oftener proffer this cup of comfort to their predecessors, if they thought of it.)

I often feel that I am more of a waterer than a planter. The Pauls and Apollos have long been planting and watering in this Ningpo field. * * * It made the tears come to my eyes to see the stir the mention of your letter made in that little circle of eleven women (Chinese women's prayer-meeting). They were to you what the girls in the school at present are to me; they are now my fellow-laborers. (Mentioning each by her name.) One is the wife of a pastor at Hang-Chow. (Another) wished me to tell you that her husband became a Christian and was a consistent follower of our Lord for nine years, and five years since was called to his reward. He served as a deacon in the Ningpo Church. She has two daughters; one, a lovely Christian, is almost blind but does faithful service as a Bible-reader. (Another) one of our Bible-readers, was also your pupil. Her husband is a very bad man and gives her much trouble. She is an earnest Christian and faithful worker. (Another) buried her husband; for a time was disaffected, but saw her sin and returned to God, and is now a fellow-laborer. (Another) is a dear, Christian woman, but her stammering will not allow her taking part in meetings. She often goes out amongst her neighbors to tell them of Jesus, and gives £2 or more a year to spread the Gospel among the women. She is a wonderful Bible student; spends much time in reading and studying; has two sons, both Christians. (Another) is in a day-school, an excellent teacher; has had the same position for more than twelve years. We find many of these women very helpful, and they can more than take the place of *new* lady missionaries.

SONG TO THE REAPERS.

Oh, women who are waiting,
  Mid far-off, heathen bands,
The coming of the morning
  To gladden all the lands,
Does it seem long in dawning?
  Its shadows cold and gray?
We also wait and wonder,
  With you, we watch and pray.

We know the weary longings,
  The homesickness and pain,
The oft-times disappointment
  That weighs the loss and gain
And pray that God may gladden
  The eyes that watch in tears,
And give a richer fruitage
  Thro' all the coming years.

But if—if not?—He giveth
  The best for thee and me,
For those at home who labor,
  And those beyond the sea.
He giveth joy for sighing,
  And weakness turns to strength;
His harvest, rich in glory,
  Will surely come at length.

Oh, grieve not, mid thy working,
  Because thou canst not see
The grain-fields 'round thee waving,
  Or richly-laden tree;
Thy Master sees the harvest
  Yet buried in the earth,
He knows from the beginning
  Thy labor, and its worth.

Margaretta W. Snodgrass.

Letters from the Front.

AFRICA.

Encouraged.

Mr. Joseph H. Reading, having left his wife and child at Woodstown, N. J., has returned to the Gaboon alone, whence he wrote on February 14th, 1888:

This is Valentine day and so I send you one just to show you we are still in the world, even the world of fashion. If it is not a work of art, it is at least hand-painted.

Our work is in many ways encouraging. *First:* The number of additions on confession of faith is 94, which is a gain of thirteen per cent. on the whole number of communicants, last year—a gain about twice as great as that made by the Church at home. *Second:* I hear nothing since my arrival of French persecutions. We cannot have schools I admit, but that is not an unmixed evil as we have more time to preach the Word. Our religious work is not hindered. We preach all we please in both the native languages or in English. *Third:* We have the sympathy of the people as against our French masters. We do not care to encourage this, but it is a fact; at this age of the world human sympathy is with the oppressed. *Fourth:* The great revival in the Kangwe district gives us a hope that the same may occur at all our stations. *Fifth:* All the country occupied by our stations is improving in morals and civilization. There is enough of evil yet, but when I remember what it was when I came here thirteen years ago, and then see the changes for the better, I cannot but exclaim: What hath God wrought! Our Church has good cause to be encouraged in its African Missions. The unhealthy climate remains and will remain. If it were removed the negro race would soon melt away as has the Indian race. If we are willing to endure the sickness and separations this climate causes, surely the Church will not become faint-hearted. Africa has a great future; let us possess the land for Christ.

The health of the Mission is good. Some of the workers who have been out a long time are weary and are going home after long and faithful service. I shall be in entire charge during the coming year of the Gaboon station and Church, and shall live quite alone except for visitors, of whom I expect a good many.

The doors and windows are now wide open to let in the warm breeze and every thing without is fresh and green.

Revival at Benita

Mrs. Reutlinger wrote in Jan. 1888:

You will rejoice with us that the prayers the Church united in during the month of November, have been answered to our people. The Spirit's power has been felt in many hearts. We are so thankful for tokens of his presence.

In her last letter, dated Feb. 8th she says:

The Spirit is still working in our midst. Last week three women came from Bata, one of them daughter of a former Bible-reader who, although not acting in that capacity now, has lived an exemplary Christian life, and for many years prayed for the conversion of his wife. She has now expressed sorrow for her past sins and desires to live differently. Mr. De Heer has taken her into the inquiry class.

There were two sad occurrences across the river. Some of the people were having a dance, and were excited from drinking rum. One woman, whom we had known on Corisco, became vexed at her sister-in-law, and while under the influence of liquor, went out and hung herself.

The next day one of our most faithful Christian women, Tango, while going to her garden, was shot by a slave, without provocation, apparently. He fled, and the people are excited, but in a country where there is no law, and where a woman is *only* a woman, we cannot tell how the matter will be settled. There is one comfort, it is well with Tango. One minute in full strength in the body, the next, appearing before her Saviour.

Old Things Passing Away.

I think many of the Christian women are beginning to look at their mourning customs with more right feeling, and we hope that sometime in the future there will be a little less mourning done and more love shown to the living. We have rejoiced at the stand taken lately by one of our families. The wife of our teacher became mother

of twins, while staying with her husband's heathen relatives, he at the time being here, with us. According to custom she could not leave her house till the children, or, if only one were left, the child, crept out of the front door. Then countless ceremonies must be gone through amid gun-firing, dancing and drinking before the mother would be declared free to come and go at her pleasure.

As soon as it was known that N. was mother of twins, the drum was brought out and all preparation made for making the Ukuku fetich medicine, but N. protested. They said, "wait till the father comes, he will consent." But they were mistaken. No heathen customs were allowed. The mother was not kept in the dark, and as soon as able was permitted to go out of the front door, and walk through the village and on the beach, without the bell on her head striking it constantly to keep evil spirits away.

MEXICO.

Miss Disosway wrote, April 11th, 1888, from Mexico City, of a visit to Almaloya, where Mr. Nicanor Gomez was murdered in 1884:

Almaloya is the prettiest Indian village that I have ever seen. It is on a high bluff at the head-waters of the Lerma River, which is fed by numerous springs. I counted twenty-three of them. These springs are the well and wash-house of all the village, and a most animated scene they presented as we approached them.

The tiny village is as a nest of a bird perched on the crown of a hill. The streets are very narrow, and paved in the centre with rough stones to keep them from washing during the rainy season. The houses are built of thin slats of board about three inches wide and a yard long, tied with ropes to posts planted upright in the ground. Not a nail is used. The roof is the same, but held in place by pegs of wood which protrude both outside and inside. We had service, about seventy attending.

After dinner, those who had horses mounted them, and those who had none walked to Capulhuac, where we had service and a baptism in the evening. There were about thirty present. The room is one of the pleasantest places for worship that I have seen here. The minister has three small girls, the eldest about four years of age. Their mother entered church with the three, followed by a very small and very dirty servant-girl carrying a huge bundle, which she deposited in a corner near the pulpit. The mother put the three babies on the front bench, and leaving the small servant to act as watch-dog, began unrolling the bundle. First she placed a straw mat on the floor, over this she spread a red blanket, then, one by one she placed the children on it, and covered them up with a royal purple blanket; and by the time their father commenced the services they were all sound asleep under the eye of the fond mother. Before the sermon it was necessary to arouse them to be baptized, a proceeding of which they showed their decided disapprobation by a good use of lusty lungs. After a while quiet was restored, the baptism proceeded, and the children were again put to bed and slept calmly until the end.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Mrs. Touzeau wrote from Bogota, Feb. 25th, 1888:

We spent almost two months in Guaduas, where we tried to reach the children by teaching them to sing, also teaching the Bible and catechism. Even after the priest began preaching about the bad books Mr. Touzeau was selling, we had a good many children at each meeting. We were very happy in the work, and hope to be able to do more in the same city soon. Mr. Caldwell spent some days with us, and we held meetings every night while he was there. We were very happy in seeing our large room crowded. Mr. Caldwell told the story of the Cross in such plain, simple words, that even the children seemed to understand. Our hearts were lifted in prayer that the dear Lord would lead many of these souls to the true Light. They hear little of Christ in their own church; in place of the Gospel they are told of the Virgin and saints. We feel there are no people in the world that need the prayers of God's children more than poor dark Colombians. We long to see the time when there will be many preaching and teaching the Bible, the book they seem to fear more than any other.

Mr. Touzeau sold in Guaduas and on the road home almost two hundred books and Bibles, so seed has been sown. The first year in mission work is hard; new workers see much to be done, and, not knowing the language, feel weak and helpless. Still, in looking back over this our first year in Colombia, we are thankful that we have had so many blessed opportunities.

We have been in regions where no missionary had been before, and sold Bibles to many who had never heard of such a book.

Miss Mackintosh added on the same day:

Our school is in a prosperous condition. We have seventy pupils, and are expecting more. Generally, many of the pupils have not entered until Easter, or Holy Week. The girls all seem interested in studying the Bible, and enjoy all the church services. We would be happy to see them coming out from the world and confessing Christ as their Saviour.

JAPAN.

Mrs. Naylor wrote from Kanazawa, Feb. 29th, 1888:

Kanazawa seems almost another place with its enlarged circle. Words fail to express the grati-

tude we feel for this sweet, new blessing. God has indeed been good to us to send us four such gifted, consecrated workers. The Wednesday evening prayer-meetings are seasons of special joy, our little circle now numbering eleven. We hear the pianos are to be on by the 20th of next month. We shall all be delighted to hear some good music once more, and the Japanese will be greatly interested in seeing these wonderful instruments for the first time.

The best blessing that has come to Miss Hesser and me this winter is the knowledge that at least six of our own dear girls, for whom so many are praying, are deeply interested in Christianity, and, we trust, have passed from death to life. None of them have asked for baptism yet, but they are pleading with their heathen parents for permission to do so. Their lives testify to their earnestness. We do not urge them in the matter of a public confession against their parents' will.

Miss Milliken wrote from Tokyo, Feb. 6th.'88:

In our Bancho corner work moves on in a way to make us grateful, for evidently it is of God and not of man. The school has long been over-full. Every day we must refuse many applicants, both in person and by letter, from distant parts of the Empire. The pupils are as enthusiastic as could be desired; they do well at their lessons, and what we care for far more, we feel they are in earnest at character-building. All but three of our family of almost eighty boarders are Christians. A number of our day-pupils, too, have confessed faith in Christ during the past year.

The older girls are of great assistance in teaching in the lower department; they are also getting into Sunday-school work, so that we are now able to assist in seven outside Sabbath-schools. We have many invitations to start schools in other cities and towns, and hope before long we may have some graduates willing and able to respond to such calls. In the meanwhile we should be happy to take some of our older girls into the country for evangelistic work during part of the year if one of us could be spared for that kind of effort.

There is so much to be done; the school makes such increased demands; there are so many ways in which we want to help young churches and needy places in Tokyo; so many calls from the country which it seems really cruel and un-Christian-like to refuse, that one of the most difficult tasks we have is to decide what to do, and what we must leave undone.

It is delightful to have so many openings, to see the nation around us eager for just the things we desire to give, but it is hard to find our strength and resources utterly inadequate to what we want to do. Will you not pray our Father to show us plainly what He wants from each of us, and that, where so many things look necessary, we may choose just the ones which are really of His appointing?

SYRIA.

Mrs. Wm. K. Eddy, wrote from Sidon in Feb.:

Every Wednesday morning I meet my class of Moslem women. Since the middle of December there have been about forty in regular attendance, some of whom are bright, and seem interested. The wife of our helper assisted me.

We tell the class stories from the Old and New Testaments, and teach them verses. At present I am teaching the Beatitudes. This morning I told them the story of Jonah. My helper is teaching the Lord's Prayer, a phrase at a time. Of course, it needs a great deal of repetition. I have to ring the bell frequently to call attention. A great many bring babies, who add to the confusion. At first there was opposition to use of the very first words, "Our Father." Moslems think it very irreverent to call God by that title, as they misconstrue our meaning in the application of it. One blind woman repeated the words after the teacher with an interpolation thus: "Our Father, (O God forgive me for these words), who art in heaven," etc.

It is amusing to hear the roll called. The women will persist in answering for each other, and, instead of simply answering "present," or "yes," they often reply in Oriental phrase. One will say, "Here I am, oh beloved of my heart!" Another, "Here I am, uh! before you!" Another, "Your slave!"

CHINA.

Mrs. Laughlin wrote from Wei Hien of some of her visitors:

Last week was one of the great temple days for the women and I did not know it, so was busy looking after painters, when a company of women, looking as though they might belong to a new crusade, came into the yard. My room was soon filled to overflowing, and they crowded about the door and on the verandah. All day long they came. I grew very tired talking, but they all had so many questions to ask and seemed so friendly that I exerted myself, and I think won a good many friends that day at the expense of being as nervous and tired as it is possible to become, and as hoarse as a raven. They came from everywhere, and the fame of a day's work like this is beyond estimating. Next day several women came and said they came expressly to learn more about the doctrine; that they could not hear enough when there was such a crowd. I hope they told the truth. Two very respectable old women who came in to call refused to take tea, seemed frightened when I offered it, and left almost at once. The superstition and ignorance of the people is almost incredible; and yet they are so bright if they would only have the truth.

Home Department.

THE MONTHLY MEETING—June.

Scripture Text, 2 Thess., iii., 1,2.—Brethren, pray for us, that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men : for all men have not faith.

Scripture Reading, Isiah, xlix., 22-26.

General Topic.—MISSION WORK IN AFRICA.

"Strike from the world's history what has been done for Jesus' sake—go back along the track of time, and erase the deeds that have been wrought, the self-denials undergone, the books written, the lives lived, the martyrdoms endured, the stern missions begun and prosecuted, and how poor the world would be !"

One great hindrance to missionary work in Africa. (Read opening paragraphs of Dr. Ellinwood's Article, *W. W.*, Jan., '88.) The Liquor Traffic in Africa. (*The Church*, June, '87.) Liquor destroying the Congo Free State. (*The Church*, Jan., '88, p. 66.)

Special prayer for blessing upon all efforts to suppress this traffic.

The Liberia Mission. The stations ; workers ; number of churches and schools. The Clay-Ashland High School. Liberia College. New work among the Veys. (Refer to Ann. Report of B. F. M. *The Church*, June, '87. Letters from the Vei Country. *The Church*, Sept. and Oct., '87.)

"What can American Christians do for Africa through Liberia ?" Work of Am. Colonization Society. The Freedmen as factors in the evangelization of Africa. Refer to "The Republic of Liberia" (*The Church*, Dec., '87, p. 525.) Also to address delivered by Dr. J. A. Hodge at 71st anniversary of Am. Colonization Soc.

The Gaboon and Corisco Mission. Present aspect of affairs. Proposed removal north of the Campo river, and transfer to a French Protestant Soc. (Ann. Reports, *W. W.* and *The Church*, June, '87.)

Christian women of Benita. (*W. W.*, June, '87.)

Letters. Describing the Awakening on the Ogove. (*W. W.*, June, Aug. and Sept., '87. *The Church*, Jan., May and Aug., '87.) Arrival of Mrs. Good and Mrs. Ogden at Baraka. (*W. W.*, Feb., '88.) Arrival of the French teachers. (*W. W.*, April. '88.)

French Protestant Missions in Africa. Our special interest in them. (*The Church*, June, '87.)

The Congo Valley not so far away. (*The Church*, Sept., '87, p. 273.) Death of Rev. T. J. Comber, of the Baptist Congo Mission. (*The Church*, Nov., '87, p. 482.)

Is Mohammedanism spreading in Africa more rapidly than Christianity ? Are its teachings and methods better adapted to the African mind ? Is it preparatory to the reception of Christianity ? (Read, Mohammedan Bondage. *The Church*, April,'87, p. 372. Mohammedanism in Africa. *W. W.*, March, '88.)

The home at Talaguga and at Kangwe. The story of a little life in Africa. The Nassau Ahoy ! (*Children's Work*, June and Dec., '87, April, '88.)

The latest from Stanley and Emin Bey. Latest from Uganda. What Missionary Society is specially interested in the success of the Stanley expedition ?

What does God want for Africa ? Leaflet published by the Board of the South-West.

E. M. R.

OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

About a thousand delegates, women among the most depend-on-able in our societies, have gone up to our several spring convocations, besides the large number of unenrolled attendants. They have gone up and breathed an atmosphere of enthusiasm, and they have gone home again,—is it not, oh Thousand Workers, to communicate it and turn it into channels of serviceableness ? For do we not all agree with the Baptist lady who, in her greeting at the Leavenworth meeting, said : "Let us not be like Sam Jones' steamer, the engine of which was so large and the boiler so small that whenever she blew her whistle she stopped going. No good will result from enthusiasm," she said, "unless put into practical forms."

A brief account of what was done at Leavenworth by our

BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST

on March 28th and 29th, was given last month, and we add a few facts, here, from very inadequate records since received.

There were present more than 100 delegates, chiefly from Kansas and Missouri.

The President was in the chair throughout

the meeting, and the officers of last year were re-elected.

With the characteristic courtesy of our Southern sisters, ladies from other denominations and visitors present were invited to act as corresponding members, and this Board outdid all the rest in one particular, by holding six sessions in two days.

During the past year forty auxiliaries have been acquired, of which thirty are children's Bands, and the treasury has received $15,-226.11, an advance of $2,700.

Each morning and afternoon session was opened by a short devotional service, and Dr. Page, pastor of the Leavenworth Church, presided at each evening session.

A Question Hour, of which we regret we have no particulars, was "ably conducted," and reports of the three Synods of Missouri, Kansas and Texas, were presented.

Every one mentions the wonderful power of the address delivered on the last evening by Dr. Post, of Syria. They found him, as one had prophesied, "as full as the Missouri River in spring-time."

With abounding hospitality, the delegates were cordially invited to prolong their stay after the meeting, to see the beauty of Leavenworth. The Board is invited to Carthage, Mo., next year.

THE NEW YORK BOARD

convened in New York City, April 11th and 12th, with the Society of the West Church, Mrs. Russell Sage, President. The hospitality extended to the Board and delegates was most complete and handsome, and included the constant assistance of a delightful choir during the two days.

This eighteenth annual meeting, as a whole, was regarded by those most accustomed to such gatherings, as an uncommonly fine meeting and standing on a high plane. Three things had contributed to that end: the pleasant unanimity within the Board regarding the newly-elected President, Mrs. H. N. Beers, the presence of 224 delegates, and the honest efforts that lay behind them to secure their *pro rata* for centennial year. They had not succeeded, it is true, but an advance of $12,-000 upon the offerings of last year was cause for thankfulness, and perhaps there were more than a few present who knew *they* had done all they could.

Some features of the meeting seemed absolutely perfect.

On the morning of Wednesday, Mrs. Andrews (for eight years Miss Hutchinson, of India) gave a model address upon what her eyes had seen there and what we can do to send cheer, blessing and life to the bodies and souls of our Hindu sisters. As she closed, Miss West, who is on retirement after thirty-five years of service in Turkey, rose with a glowing face, and, in a two-minute speech, enthusiastically proposed we should "all go to India." It was a spontaneous outburst, in which the audience sympathized, for all hearts had been deeply moved.

One perfect feature was certainly Dr. A. F. Schauffler's captivating story to the children, in which, beginning with facts of his boyhood in Constantinople, he rapidly merged into an Oriental tale about a convention of flowers. Everybody was kept steadily laughing, while a healthful lesson on "Giving" was at the same time implanted in the children's hearts.

Long will be remembered Mrs. William G. Schauffler's venerable appearance, her tall figure in black, her face set in a rim of silver, and in her hand a red rose, as with a spirit defiant of years she came before us on Thursday afternoon, and solemnly and earnestly charged us to "go forward." All the countries of the earth are as near to her thought as any man's door-yard is to him, and with delightful ease she stepped from land to land, crossed and recrossed the Atlantic without a moment's hesitation, turning with a wave of the hand from the Bohemians in Ohio to the starving people of Persia, to whom she begged us "for pity's sake" to send bread. The audience allowed themselves to cheer as she took her seat.

Devotional meetings preceded each morning session, and prayers and hymns were interspersed through all the exercises. Mrs. Beers presided each day. Reports of the Secretaries were all presented in condensed form the first morning, and show there has

been no standing still in any department. More than 100 of the new auxiliaries reported were among children and young people. The impress of the praise-meetings had been generally felt. The Publication Committee had received more than $500 for leaflets, and a fuller circulation of the magazines was recommended.

The Foreign Secretary reported that in addition to sustaining all their former trusts, a chapel and orphanage in India had been assumed, a chapel in Africa, and aid had been rendered for a new station in Persia.

It was after the acceptance of these reports that Mrs. Andrews spoke, as referred to above, and the editor of *Woman's Work for Woman* followed, urging that intelligence upon missions should be cultivated as "an indispensable aid" to the life of our societies.

It didn't look as if our zeal in New York was at a white heat when the four o'clock "Children's Hour" arrived. Out of all the Presbyterian children of the city, not a good-sized Sunday-school was gathered. But what a good time those had who did come! There was a beautiful responsive exercise, and Miss Lombard, the editor of their darling *Children's Work for Children*, to listen to, and Dr. Schauffler's story.

Dr. Ellinwood presided over the evening service, which called out a good house, although it was on church prayer-meeting night. Stimulating addresses were delivered by men who are masters of their subjects. Dr. Geo. E. Post, of Beirût, gave an emphatic answer to statements in a recent article in the *North American Review*, entitled "Why am I a Mohammedan?" Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, of Philadelphia, pressed the need of "haste" in "the king's business" of foreign missions in this age of the world; and Dr. Paxton, pastor of the West Church, witnessed to the universality of God's love, which thereby calls us to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

On Thursday morning, a valuable Question Hour, conducted by Miss Hubbard, drew out questions and opinions upon practical topics. Rev. George Alexander, D.D., appropriately set forth the relations between the Woman's Boards and the Assembly's Board, and the appreciative word he threw in for the "much-enduring Secretaries" was heartily welcomed by the audience, although some of them suspected they had themselves helped to develop the endurance.

Thursday afternoon, an address defending medical missions in India was given by Mrs. Johnson, an Eurasian lady, formerly connected with the Missions of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bainbridge, who always has something strong to offer on such occasions, seemed by some who have often heard her, to be fresher than ever on her theme of "Forward." The service closed with prayer and singing of "Jerusalem the Glorious."

Fruits of the meeting at Geneva last year were apparent in many ways, and considering certain disadvantages which must always attend gathering in so large a city as New York, we look forward with anticipation to going out into Central New York next spring, and hope everybody who didn't come to this city, will come to Utica.

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY

made a new departure this year. They went to Asbury Park, where there was no local society nor church to be influenced by their coming, and no constituency to entertain them. About 350 delegates were present and a large number of officers of the Society, so that the audience was composed altogether of well-known workers, and it was remarked that, on this account, the meeting had the character of a family gathering more than it ever had before. The Assembly occupied Educational Hall, a building adapted to just such purposes, so that when the house was quiet, almost every speaker was well heard; this, with the fine weather and the blue sea, made the occasion very attractive. But such an arrangement was not intended to be permanent, and the President, stating that it is the custom of the Society to return to its base once in five years, invited the members cordially to homes and hearts in Philadelphia, next year.

Mrs. Schenck, President of the Society from its beginning, opened the meeting on Wednesday morning with devotional exercises, followed by a short address. The roll was

called and delegates responded, from New Jersey on the east, to Dayton, O., in the west, and as far south as Washington, D. C. The Treasurer's Report showed an advance upon last year's net receipts of more than $20,000, but still $17,000 short of the 29 per cent. advance recommended by General Assembly. When we saw that our strongest treasury had fallen below the mark, we knew the day was against us in all our Boards.

The Foreign Secretaries' report occupied fifty minutes in reading, and was a concise and clear recapitulation of the main features of the situation, the past year, in stations where the work of this Society lies. Eighteen missionaries have been sent out and six have returned. Five medical students have been carried forward in their preparation and three medical missionaries are under our care. The "wants" proposed for the year to come were many and varied, but the greatest undertaking named was enlargement at Bancho, requiring an expenditure of $10,000.

The report closed finely, drawing encouragement for going on in this work not so much from statistics of success, as from signs of general elevation and wide-spread leavening of the Gospel.

Mrs. McCauley, teacher in the preparatory department of the Union College in Tokyo, gave a noble address, in which she defended the policy of extending education along with evangelization, and argued the need of a Christian higher education in Japan, because the Japanese will have the education, either of a heathen or a Christian type. The government will provide colleges; and Roman Catholicism and the Russo-Greek Church dispute the ground with Protestantism. She appealed for help for Japan now, believing the time is coming when Japan will return the help by giving the Bible to China and Korea.

The morning closed with appointment of committees.

The Home Secretaries presented a short report in the afternoon. They mentioned the gifts of a type-writer and a safe for "1334." Especially glowing was the section about the organizations of young people, of which there are in all 1100. Of these, 191 are new Bands, and the contributions from all these young people have attained the no mean sum of $35,000.

Mrs. J. F. Dripps spoke upon "Love for missions and love for Christ," and was followed by the teachers from South America; Miss Franks, who recited particulars of the school in Bogota; and Miss Kuhl, who emphasized the fact of the neglected Indians, of whom there are more in South America than in the United States. She said the San Paulo school has not grown for two years for lack of room, and a normal teacher is needed there.

Each session began with worship, and both afternoons as well as Thursday morning closed with short devotional meetings, led by different well-known ladies. Our prayers, therefore, were intertwined with all the other exercises, and had a quieting and uplifting influence.

Dr. Monroe, of the Central Church in Philadelphia, presided over the evening meeting, where Dr. Ellinwood delivered one of his characteristic addresses. He spoke appreciatively of the work of the Woman's Boards, and expressed himself glad that they are doing more for medical missions. He warned us of the danger of "petting the heathen too much," and showed us how to "take measurements" of the missionary work as it now lies, and is going to be in the future. Leaving this general outlook, Mr. McCauley, Professor of History in the Tokyo College, pinned us down to Japan; to the subjects of education for the Japanese, and Church union. He said the missionaries had looked for possible effects by-and-by, which the Japanese have already precipitated.

A discussion of methods by Band leaders was held on Wednesday, and the next day Presbyterial officers secured a similar meeting by holding it at nine o'clock in the morning. There was a lively interchange of views and experiences, of which some specimens may be looked for in a future "Suggestion Corner."

Mrs. Ewing, from Saharanpur, gave a talk (Thursday) upon evangelistic work in the bazaars and for the women of India, and sang delightfully some of the *bhajans*. A "Conference," so-called, followed. It consisted of valuable papers by Mrs. McKnight, of Wash-

ington City, upon "How to awaken a deeper interest in Auxiliary Societies," and by Mrs. Kumler, of Pittsburgh, upon "Loyalty." The former contained many suggestions upon details necessary to the success of meetings, and advised us to borrow the world's wisdom in managing them. The other paper is to be printed, and will be found a thorough-going view of the responsibility of auxiliaries, by one who knows how to practice as well as preach. Brief mention was made of the magazines, by the editor of "W. W." and by Mrs. Turner, who spoke with affectionate praise of *Children's Work for Children.*

The first address of the afternoon was by Miss M. I. Lombard upon "How to work with and for children," and Mr. Robert Wilder spoke upon his favorite theme of "The World for Christ" in our generation. The first and last part of the afternoon was marred by the noise of many coming and going. The officers were re-elected, resolutions adopted, minutes read, and the remainder of the time till 3.30, the early hour of adjournment, was given to devotional thoughts and prayer, concluding with the doxology.

[A Chicago lady has sent the following report.]

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Board of the Northwest

was perhaps more pleasant and helpful than any previous annual meeting of the Board.

Too much cannot be said of the efficiency of the work of the committees in the beautiful little city of Freeport. Everything, to the most minute detail, was arranged for the convenience, comfort, pleasure and entertainment of the delegates. On Tuesday, April 24th, the opening evening, Rev. Geo. W. Knox, missionary to Japan, brought us, as he said, "a message of victory, but one calling to further war," an earnest, eloquent, interesting plea. The church itself was beautifully decorated in the choir gallery back of the pulpit with palms, ferns, lilies, etc. Across the organ on a band of red was the inscription in white letters, "Christ for the World."

The music for the whole programme was of unusual excellence, and very many were charmed with solos rendered by Miss Helen Polk in a sweet, rich, full voice.

A cordial welcome was given from the ladies of Freeport by Mrs. D. S. Brewster, and responded to for the delegates by Mrs. Wm. Blair, of Chicago. A few minutes were given to the greetings from sister Boards. These were followed by the annual address of our President, Mrs. Douglass, the key-note of whose remarks was, union with each other and co-workers with Christ. Miss Sophie Rhea sang very sweetly "Take my life."

Miss Susie Calhoun, daughter of the missionaries to Syria, and Miss Ward, of Peking, China, gave vivid, graphic descriptions of their work in those countries.

The Home Secretaries' Report presented by Mrs. Laflin was full of interest and suggestions. She reported that in the seventeen years we have sent out 191 missionaries.

A story written by Miss Julia Freeman, of Michigan, contained much negro dialect, as well as a point for foreign missions.

The Annual Reports of the Foreign Secretaries this year were distributed over the programme at different points, and with very much interesting, well-prepared matter, were listened to with intense interest. Miss Laura Olmstead, of Bangkok, Siam, now in ill-health, was present with us, and noticed some of the customs of the Siamese.

The Children's Hour was presided over in a most happy manner by Mrs. Marsh, of Bloomington. All were surprised to see the number of children crowding into this meeting, and were happy to leave their seats to make way for the children. A story was very well read by Orestes Wright, a Freeport boy, and an interesting account of S. S. work given by Miss Gemmel. The Young People's meeting of Wednesday evening, led by Mrs. Rhea, received plaudits from every side, and was really a most solemn and impressive occasion, as one after another of the missionaries under appointment appeared and plead for the prayers and helpful love of the watchers at home. Seven young missionaries on the platform together, ready to spend and be spent for Christ, was a sight not soon to be forgotten. A story was written and read by Miss Nellie Helm. All of these were followed by a short, bright address, by Mr. Ayres, a

young man recently appointed. He believes that this generation will live to see the evangelization of the world. The names of the missionaries presented were as follows: Dr. Mary Bradford, Dr. Alice Mitchell, Misses Lafferty, Melton, Stilson, Wheeler and Mr. Ayres.

On Thursday morning the devotional hour was led by Mrs. Van Cleve and Mrs. Marsh, and was closed by a chain of short prayers by twenty ladies, all standing.

This hour was followed by reports from Synodical Secretaries, which were pronounced by all of unusual brightness, showing progress and plans carried out, new methods of work, telling how many missionaries each Synod has sent. Few figures were given but many new facts concerning work were elicited.

The time of the following hour was occupied in answering questions which have come up from time to time, and was led by Mrs. Campbell, of Chicago.

The afternoon session of Thursday, the last meeting of the week, sustained the interest shown from the beginning. Miss Peabody read an account of the trials of many missionaries, composed of extracts from private letters.

Mrs. Leyenberger, of China, followed on the subject "The Cross of Christ."

Mrs. Hardy, a well-known worker from Nebraska, read a paper entitled, "Boots and Saddles," a bugle note to more earnest work.

The nominating committee reported a few new names added to our roll.

As choice bits are often saved to the last, so it was proven to our minds when we heard Mrs. Herrick Johnson's paper on "The Gift of Grace and the Grace of Giving."

The meeting closed Thursday evening with a pleasant reception given by Freeport ladies.

[Everybody will rejoice to know that our Western sister has maintained her reputation of the past by the receipts of her treasury this year. She has forwarded to Mr. Rankin $75,614.19, an advance upon last year of $14,011.69.—EDITOR.]

THE SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK.

[The following Report was furnished by Mrs. Page.]

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Catskill, N. Y., April 18th and 19th. The first meeting was held at 4.15 P. M., Wednesday, immediately after the delegates had reached the church, and been welcomed and introduced to their hostesses. The sight of familiar faces, grown dear by reason of the hallowed associations of these yearly meetings, was very pleasant, and when all joined in the devout service of prayer, under the leadership of Miss Anna Anderson, formerly General Secretary, it was evident that the Spirit of God was present with us to insure a rich and profitable session.

The next meeting was a popular service at 7.30, at which the venerable pastor of the church, Dr. Howard, presided and made a formal address of welcome, to which Rev. C. G. Hazard, of Schaghticoke, responded most happily, in behalf of the Society. Dr. Gillespie made the address of the evening, giving a broad view of the work in foreign lands, and much encouragement and incentive to effort in the future. The morning of Thursday was simply perfect, and the church was two-thirds full when devotional exercises at 9 A. M. were opened by Mrs. Dauchy, of Troy. Another delightful season of prayer and conference was held and the time was all too short for those who were ready to take part. In this, as in the prayer-meeting the afternoon before, it was not unusual for two or more to rise at once, so prompt and earnest was the support. At 9.30 the President took the chair and read the fourth chapter of Philippians. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dennis, of Waterford, and the President made an address based on the twenty-third verse of the seventh chapter of Proverbs, and the eighth verse of the chapter read. Her theme was "The Highest Type of Womanhood," which she described to be the woman who, according to the best of her ability, lives up to the precepts of Christ.

The Secretary's Report was very full and very interesting. It showed an earnest spirit of activity and real progress among the societies at home, and gave encouraging reports of work from the various fields. In speaking of the societies which had made large increase in contributions and interest, she alluded to the excellent effect of Mrs. Layah Barakat's

work among us during the past year, stating that the result had been to double, sometimes treble, and in one case quadruple the receipts of the societies where she had labored. The Treasurer reported net receipts of $10,413.36.

Miss C. A. Bush, of Troy, presented the publications of the Woman's Societies, and made an urgent plea for increased subscriptions. As a result, subscriptions for fifty copies of *Woman's Work* and seventy-five copies of *Children's Work* were pledged at once, and many more pledged themselves to go home and canvass for subscribers. Of the actual pledges given above, many were for copies to be sent to societies where no copies have ever been taken, and when the recipients read this page they will know how kindly they were remembered at our great feast.

Among other enjoyable things, Mrs. R. R. Booth, of the Woman's Board of New York, came to the platform and presented the greetings of her Society, with such kindly words and earnest Christian spirit as caused our hearts to glow with a sense of the fellowship of all co-workers with Christ. A bountiful, elegant lunch at 12.30, rested and refreshed us, and we were ready for the long session of the afternoon. The same list of officers was re-elected unanimously. Rev. Geo. W. Knox, of Japan, and Dr. Post, of Syria, made thrilling addresses, and the enjoyment of all the services was increased by the sweet singing of Mrs. Hector Hall, of Troy, and Mrs. Bentley, of Albany. In this brief report much of interest must be omitted, but too much could not be said were an entire page devoted to the boundless hospitality and unwearied kindness of the people of Catskill. Entertainment over night was furnished for between one hundred and seventy-five and two hundred, and considerably more than two hundred were lunched at noon, and again after the afternoon meeting, before taking their trains.

An invitation for next year's meeting from the Fourth Church of Albany was accepted, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Hazard and benediction by Dr. Howard.

So the Annual Meetings, to which we had looked forward, and for which much thoughtful preparation had been made, are all ended, and we have turned about to begin over again; longing that in the year to come we may send forth a great many more missionaries, greatly increase our offerings, and see this precious foreign missionary work enlisting the sympathetic interest of all our church members, as it is now very dear to a fraction of them; longing that God may accept whatever sacrifice has been placed on His altar by the members of these societies, and that the work of them all may move on in greater power abroad and in a spirit of greater sweetness at home.

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Send all letters to 1334 Chestnut St., Phila.

Directors' meeting first Tuesday of the month, and prayer-meeting third Tuesday, at 12 M., in the Assembly Room. Visitors welcome.

The report of our recent Annual Assembly, to be found in the Home Department, renders further comment here unnecessary. Among the many things to be kept in remembrance, let us not lose sight of the text-motto for the year—Ex. iii., 12, "Certainly I will be with thee"—marking it in our Bibles, and staying ourselves upon the promise day by day.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Philadelphia. Every five years there must be a family gathering under the roof-tree of the parent society.

That most useful and interesting compendium of the year's work of this Society—our Annual Report—will soon be sent out to the Secretaries of Auxiliary and Young People's societies. Read it, loan it, draw from its stores of information for your monthly meet-

ings until June of next year. For sale at 15 cents.

THE LATEST NEWS from India is that eight ladies have been asked for, for one mission field, and that Mrs. J. H. Morrison has been transferred to Sabathu, to have care of the Leper Asylum. This is not entirely new to Mrs. Morrison, for Sabathu was her home in former days.

MR. AND MRS. TRACY, of Etawah, India, started March 17th for America.

MR. AND MRS. GAULT, of Benita, Africa, are also on their way home. All are expecting to arrive in time for the General Assembly meetings.

MISS MARY LATTIMORE, of Washington, D. C., is under appointment as a missionary of our Society, and will be on her way as soon as her field of labor is determined.

WE are particularly favored in having no less than seven delegates from this Society to represent us at the great London Conference. Thoroughly in sympathy with, and intelligent as to the workings of our Society, and provided with a supply of reports and magazines for those who will be sure to ask for them, we predict that they will be welcomed as true yoke-fellows, and that in turn they will bring back rich stores of information and experience to us.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Butler	*Presbytery*,	Prospect, Pa.
Cincinnati	"	Mason, O.
Elizabeth	"	Union Ch., N. J.
Kittanning	"	Parker City Ch., Pa.
Morris and Orange	"	Hillside, N. J.
Newton	"	Lafayette, N. J.
Philadelphia North	"	Disston Memorial Ch.
Pittsburgh	"	Knoxville, Pa.
Portsmouth	"	Rome, O.
"	"	Winchester, O.
Welsboro	"	Kane, Pa.
West Jersey	"	Vineland, N. J.

NEW BANDS.

Delaware,	Green Spring, Y ung People's.
"	Princess Anne, Coral Workers.
"	Wilmington, Central Ch., Mural Crown.
"	" Rodney Ch., Earnest Workers.
"	" West Ch., Young People's.
New Jersey,	Beverly, Lilies of the Field.
"	Bridgeton, First Ch.
"	Bloomfield, Westminster Ch., Duffield.
"	Camden, First Ch., King's Workers.
"	" " Loyal Laborers.
"	" " Willing Workers.
"	Hammonton, Young People's Alliance.
"	" Children's.
"	Woodbury, Little Gleaners.
Ohio,	Cincinnati, Bethany Chapel, Class 36.
Penna.,	Allegheny, First Ch., Elliot Swift.
"	" North Ch., Earnest Workers.
"	Glenshaw, Whittaker Circle.
"	Hazleton, A. B. Jack.
"	Hazlewood, Young Ladies'.
"	Homestead, Ministering Children.
"	Philadelphia, Central Ch., Gleaners.
"	" Wharton St. Ch., Armor Bearers.
"	" Woodland Ch., King's Soldiers.
"	Pittsburgh, Bellefield Ch., King's Workers.
"	" Fourth Ch., Grace Keer.
"	" " Mrs. Knox.
"	" " Mrs. Shrom.
"	" Lawrenceville Ch., Indian Workers.
"	" Park Ave., Soldiers for the King.
"	Scranton, Greenridge Ch., Willing Workers.
"	Tarentum, Kate Fleeson.
"	West Bellevue, Workers for India.
Virginia,	Alexandria, Gum Hill S. S.

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Meetings every Friday at 10 A. M. All persons interested in mission work are cordially invited.

THE Annual Meeting which occurred in Freeport, Ill., on the 24th, 25th and 26th ult., was of much more than usual interest, and without doubt the electrical contact of "burning fiery zeal" on one hand, and consecrated ability on the other, will prove of incalculable influence over the whole Northwest. The speech of Rev. Geo. W. Knox, of Japan, on Tuesday evening, scholarly and elegant in style, entertaining and convincing, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The different meetings were conducted with precision and dispatch, and we all felt sincere admiration not only for the gracious presence of our President, Mrs. Douglass, but for her shrewd and womanly discernment and tact. Enough cannot be said in praise of the beautiful city of Freeport, but particularly of her hospitable homes. The heartiest of welcomes was accorded each one, and I am sure each lady felt wiser, happier, and more intent upon doing her work well, after her visit to Freeport.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Michigan,	Battle Creek, Esselstyn Band.
"	Homer, Circle.
"	" Y. P. S.
"	Three Rivers, Always Ready Band.
Iowa,	Carson, W. M. S.
"	Clarinda, Willing Workers.
"	Mt. Ayr, W. M. S.
"	" Boys' True Blue Soc.
"	Randolph, W. M. S.
Ohio.	Defiance, Y. P. S.
"	Hicksville, W. M. S.
Illinois,	Morrison, Gideon's Band.
"	Rockwood, Ebenezer Ch., W. M. S.
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Women's Board of For. Miss. of the Presbyterian Church,

No. 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The regular prayer-meeting will be held the first Wednesday of every month, at 10.30 A. M., lasting an hour. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Each other Wednesday there will be a half-hour meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary letters, commencing at the same hour.

All interested are invited to attend.

For special department of each Secretary, see third page of cover.

Address all letters to 53 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

The Women's Board desires to tender its warmest thanks to the Presbyterial Society of New York City, for the kind hospitality extended to its members during the last Annual Meeting. The many delegates found cordial welcome as honored guests in the households of those resident in New York City, while the lavish arrangements made by the ladies of the West Church called forth constant and repeated expressions of delight.

By the time you read these lines, or very soon thereafter, an interesting publication, to the preparation of which we have given much time and thought, will be received by each of you, our Auxiliaries. Though addressed to your Secretary, this Annual Report is intended for the use of your whole Society, and we hope it will find a place on the table at every one of your meetings. It contains much useful information on every page, *including the covers*, and we bespeak for it your careful study. Especially do we ask that you will thoughtfully ponder the statistical pages devoted to the Presbyteries. Look for your own Society, and follow out the line to the number of your members and the amount of your contributions this year; then turn to these same sums as given last year, and compare the two. If there has been no advance, or if, as is sometimes the case, there was a falling off, try to discover the reason. If any of you *should* discover a blank opposite your name in the column of contributions, please ask yourselves, "How can we be considered auxiliary in the work of a Board to which we give nothing?" and then determine that this shall never again be the case.

Now at the beginning of the year lay your plans carefully and *prayerfully;* avail yourselves of all the helps offered in the way of letters, leaflets, magazines and annual reports. Then we feel sure that instead of again falling short of "Our share of the million," we shall more than make up the amount.

Miss Hammond, of Guatemala City, is at home for a few weeks' rest.

New Auxiliaries.

Buffalo	*Presbytery*,	Y. P. Soc., Alden.
Syracuse	"	Willing Workers, Baldwinsville.
"	"	First Ch. Mission Band, Canastota.
"	"	S. S. Mission Band, First Ch., Oswego.
"	"	The King's Children, First Ward Ch., Syracuse.
"	"	Boys' Band, First Ch., Syracuse.
"	"	Seed Sowers (boys'), Park Central Ch., Syracuse.
"	"	Children's Band, Memorial Ch., Syracuse.
"	"	Young People's Society, Memorial Ch., Syracuse.
Brooklyn	"	Little Givers, Seventh Ave. Chapel, Brooklyn.
"	"	Young Ladies' Society, Franklin Ave. Ch., Brooklyn.
"	"	Mission Band, South Third St., Brooklyn.
"	"	Young Ladies Mission Circle, Trinity Ch., Brooklyn.
"	"	Daughters of the Temple, Lafayette Ave. Ch., Brooklyn.
Long Island	"	Young Helpers, Bellport.
New York City	"	Boys' Branch of C. C. C.. Ch. of the Puritans.
North River	"	Young People's Missionary Circle, Rondout.
Westchester	"	Children's Society, First Pres. Ch., New Haven, Ct.

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The Annual Reports are already well along toward completion, and will be sent out in the early part of May, so that they will all be in the hands of their readers when this page reaches them. They will be sent directly from the publisher to the District Secretaries. Please read the Annual Report with care, as the suggestions it contains are worthy of consideration.

The question of new work for the year could not be taken up at the Annual Meeting, because no new work can be given out until the Board in New York has completed the estimates for the year, and assigned us our share. As soon as it can be definitely known what the new work is, some statement of it will be sent to all those Societies and Bands that have written to the Secretaries on the subject, and every effort made to arrange for them such work as they desire.

A BOOK RECEIVED. *Memoirs of an Arabian Princess: An Autobiography.* By Emily Ruete. (D. Appleton and Company).

One acquainted with the East will find this a novel and entertaining little book. It is written by a genuine born princess of Zanzibar, who there formed the acquaintance of a German connected with a mercantile firm, and secretly fled to Hamburg, as she must do (being a Mohammedan) in order to marry him. Her husband soon died; but she lived in different cities of Germany, with her children, for nineteen years, before, as she relates in the last chapter, she revisited Zanzibar.

Her narrative is a mirror of a southern Oriental's mind and tastes, and is written with great *naïvete.* An instance is the sixth chapter, upon "Daily Life in our House," where the writer undertakes to show that life in a harem is not the listless thing it is supposed to be, and at the same time her own artless story presents what would seem to our readers a vacuum rather than living.

It is not strange that, exile as she was from her 'beloved South,' she should have thrown a veil of rose color over all the memories of her childhood; but on this account the book, we are bound to say, would be in danger of misleading young people. A good companion-book would be Dr. Jessup's "Women Among the Arabs."

Receipts of the "Philadelphia Society" are postponed this month for want of room, and will appear in the July Woman's Work. The totals are the following:

Total receipts for April, 1888,	$70,644.06	
Total for year ending April 20, 1888,	149,640.06	1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to April 20, 1888.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ABERDEEN.— 45.50

ALTON.—Alton, 41.56, S. S. M. S., 40; Carlinville, 50, Y. L. S., 8; Carrollton, 41; E. St. Louis, 5.25; Greenville, 10, Gleaners, 3.50; Hillsboro, 7, Bd., 6; Jerseyville, 12.55, Wilson Bd., 13.95; Nokomis, Busy Bees, 5; Reno, 6.25; Rockwood, 5; Sparta, 71.70. Steelville, 2; Trenton, 32.50, Bd., 5; Virden, 11.50; Walnut Grove, 16, (less Pres. Ex. 11.90), 381.86

BELLEFONTAINE—Belle Centre, 28.63, Y. L. B., 7.35; Crestline, 23.25; Galion, 14.86; Sandusky Ch., 10; Spring Hills, 10; Upper Sandusky, The Pioneers, 23.50, 117.59

BISMARCK.—Bismarck, 22; Mandan, 8.50, 30.50

BLOOMINGTON.—Presbyterial Soc., 427.11; Bement, Y. P. M. C., 12.75; Bloomington, 2d, 465.60, Y. P. S., 75, Helpful Hands, 7.16, Lamps of Love, 5; Buckley, 10; Champaign, 70.40, Avery Bd., 8.79; Clinton, 71.25, Danville, 80.65, Willing Workers, 10; Farmer City, 13.24; Gibson City, 18.80, daughters of Rev. H. McVay, 5; Gilman, 30; Homer, Golden Rule Bd., 3; Hoopeston, 6; Minonk, 6.54, Bd., 20; Monticello, 15; Normal, 5; Onarga, 96.06; Pontiac, 45; Rossville, Miss A. Gernand, 4.65; Tolono, 9.50; Towanda, 8; Urbana, 13.10, 1,542.60

CAIRO.—Anna, 23.05; Centralia, 23; Cobden, 5; DuQuoin, 11.41, th. off., 24.63, children, 7.82; Olney, 15; Sumner, 9.80, Bd., 3 20; Tamaroa, Rose Leaves, 5, 127.91

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Anamosa, 5.70; Blairstown, "a tithe," 1, Miss French's cl., 5; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 75, pr. off., 34.96; 2d, 30; Clarence, 17; Clinton, 46.61; Delmar, 2; Garrison, 9.59; Lyons, 1; Linn Grove, Aurora Borealis Bd., 15.45; Marion, 37.76; Mechanicsville, 20; Mt. Vernon, 50; Onslow, 9.13, pr. off., 10.39; Scotch Grove, S. S., 7; Vinton, 135, S. S., 8.75; Wyoming, 33.62, S. S., 6.29, Cheerful Workers, 2.80, 564.05

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Altoona, 2; Brookings, 5.50; Huron, 21.81, Cheerful Doers, 5.56; Miller, 3.86; Rose Hill, 6; Volga, 1.95; Wessington, 3.92, 50.60

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, 23.89; Bloom, 2; Chicago, 2d, 77.55; 3d, Y. L. S., 100, T. W. Ransom, 20; 4th, 29, Y. L. S., 44.50, Mothers' Mite Soc., 8.80, Christ's Chapel, Bible class, 15; 6th, 115, S. S., 60, Y. L. S., 10.96, Helping Hands, 9.31; 8th, 39.02, pr. off., 46.83; 41st St. Ch., S. S., 10.25; Evanston. 272, Y. L. S., 50; Hyde Park, 29.15; Joliet, 1st, 45.89, Y. L. S., 13.94; Central Ch., 223.48, S. S., 17.39, Dean Y. P. S., 3.65; Kankakee, Y. L. S., 56.84; Lake, 22.25; Lake Forest, 7; Woodlawn Park, 15, Miss Florence Wells, centen. off., 10, 1,378.70

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Adair, 2.90; Afton, 15.16; Atlantic, 13; Bedford, 29.25, S. S. Gleaners, 5; Carson, 4, Helen Elliott Bd., 16; Clarinda, 10.50; Corning, 17.50, S. S., 15; Council Bluffs, 16.25; Essex, 19.73, S. S., 2.18; Greenfield, Beacon Lights, 5; Hamburg, 5; Logan, 2,45; Malvern, 12.50, Y. L. S., 8.50; Menlo, 16; Mt. Ayr, 6, Girls' Bd., 2, Boys' True Blue Soc., 1; Neola, 6.50, Grains of Sand, 3; Randolph, 2.10; Red Oak, 10.35, S. S., 10; Shelby, 10; Shenandoah, 11.20; Sidney, 1.51; Woodbine, 4.25; Villisca, 1.65, 285.48

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 20; Bethel, 5.35, S. S., 10.50, Mount Family Bd., 3; Beulah, 37, memorial of Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, 25; Bethany, 21, 30 per cent. add'l, 15; Crawfordsville, 1st, 9; Centre Ch., 100, centen. off., 34.58, S.S., 55, Y. L, B., 11.38; Delphi, 74.20; Dayton, 25, Mrs. Crouse, 10, Miss Peters, 10, S. S., 60; Elizaville, 4; Frankfort, 14.85, Mary Campbell Bd., 32.81; Judson, 22.15; Kuhlin, 2.50; Ladoga, 9; Lafayette, 2d. 20, Y. P. B., 18; Lexington, South Branch, 3, North Branch, 25, Willing Workers, 5; Lebanon, 9.50; Montezuma, 8; Newtown, 15; Thorntown, 10, S. S., 10.03; Toronto, 5; Rockfield, 8.65; Rockville, 16, centen. off., 25.68, S. S., 30.50, Harris gift, 25; Romney, 37; Spring Grove, 6.77; Union, 22; Waveland, 15, advance, 17, Mizpah Bd., 5; Williamsport, 5.89, 954.34

DES MOINES.—Adel, 32; Chariton, 5, Bd., 2.50; Colfax, 8; Dallas Centre, 4.94; Des Moines, 65.50, S. S. M. S., 25.69; Westminster Ch., 18.75; Dexter, 15; E. Des Moines, 43.91; Indianola, 6.25; Knoxville, 20.55; Laurel, 5; Leon, 15.50; Newton, 1.25; New Sharon, Rose of Sharon Bd., 1.20; Osceola, 10.45; Oskaloosa, 12.50; Russell, 6; S. DesMoines, 6, Band of Helpers, 4.25; Unionville, 7.57; Winterset, 33.50, Mrs. M. B. Craig, 1.65, 352.96

DETROIT.—Detroit, Jefferson Ave. Ch., 250; 1st, Richardson Band, 135; Calvary Ch., Cheerful Givers, 42; Hamtramck Ch., Girls' Bd., 7.15; Memorial Ch., 51; Union Ch., Hastings Bd., 25; Trumbull Ave. Ch., W. C. W. Soc., 15; Milford, 8.01, Bacon Bd., 11.57; Pontiac, 74.66, Cheerful Workers, 20; Ypsilanti, Y. P. M., 105, India Workers, 20, 764.39

DUBUQUE.—"A thank offering for special blessings from a mother and daughter," 5; "in memory of our dear departed from father and mother," 10, 15.00

FARGO.—Fargo, H. M., 17.50, S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E., 40; Jamestown, 6, S, S., 5; Lisbon, 5.50; Eckelson, Mrs. T. B. Young. 1.25, 75.25

FORT DODGE.—Alta, 3; Calliope, 3; Cherokee, 41.20; Rockwell, 4.50; Sanborn, 3.50 (less Pres. Ex., 1.65), 53.55

FORT WAYNE.—Auburn, 12, Coral Workers, 7; Fort Wayne, 3d, 40, 59.00

FREEPORT.—Galena, South Ch., 90.15; Lena, 25.15, bequest of Mr. Henry C. Meslor, 50; Marengo, 26, Y. L. S., 11.06; Ridgefield, 21, Children's Bd., 10; Rockford, Westminster Ch., 50 cts.; Warren, 10, 243.86

GRAND RAPIDS.—Ludington, 4; Montague, 5, 9.00

GUNNISON.—Leadville, 22.50

HASTINGS.—Ayr, Mrs. Rogers and daughter, 3; Aurora, 3.85, Circle, 4.25; Hastings, 24, Harvest Hands, 10, Cheerful

Workers, 3.80, Y. L. S., 8; Holdrege, 2.25; Kenesaw, 6; Minden, 5.50, Cheerful Workers, 5.39, 76.04

HURON.—Bloomville, 12; Elmore, 9; Fostoria, 29.58; Fremont, 54.33; Green Springs, Busy Bee Bd., 5; Huron, 51; Melmore, 10; Milan, 5.35; Norwalk, 13.30; Olena, 10.50; Sandusky, 17.47, Y. L. S., 7; Tiffin, 9.19, Little Gleaners, 10, 243.72

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, 53, S. S., 10.50; Columbus, 25.80; Franklin, 6. Bands, 52; Greencastle, 19; Greenwood, 15, S. S., 8.92; Hopewell, 41.40; Southport, 26.75, Busy Bees, 12.25; Indianapolis, 1st, 108, S. S., 58.09; 2d, Y. L. S., 40, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Hubbard, 250; 4th, 49 cts., Pickett Soc., 62; 6th, 10; 7th, 55, Mustard Seed, Y. L. S., 55; Memorial Ch., 70.06; Olive St., 4.20; Tabernacle, Mary Fulton Soc., 43, 1,026.46

IOWA.—Birmingham, 20; Fairfield, 50, pr. off., 30, Band, 4.12, Gleaners, 5; Fort Madison, pr. off., 34, S. S. off., 20; Libertyville, 5; Lebanon, 5.85; Keokuk, 40.56, Willing Workers, 20, pr. off., 30; Kossuth, 25; Mediapolis, 30.18; Mt. Pleasant, 28; Middletown, 10; rem., 5 cts, 357.76

IOWA CITY.—Davenport, 2d, 6, Pansy Bd., 25; Keota, 5.70; Iowa City, 25.15; Montezuma, 9.57; Muscatine, 30; Sigourney, 6.30; Tipton, 2.95, Tamura Bd., 6; Washington, 57.70; West Liberty, 5.79; Wilton, 13.10, 193.26

KALAMAZOO.—Decatur, 5; Niles, 5; Kalamazoo, Cent., th. off., 50.80; Holland Ch., 9; Richland, 10.50; Three Rivers, Y. P. B., 10, 90.30

KEARNEY.—Kearney, 26.15; N. Loup, 5; St. Paul, Band, 1.30, 32.45

LACROSSE.—LaCrosse, 1st, 18.00

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Florence, 20; Marinette, Junior Aux S., 25; Negaunee, 20, 65.00

LANSING.—Battle Creek, 8; Jackson, 13, Y. P. C. E. S., 8; Lansing, 26.25; Marshall, 3; Oneida, 4; Tekonsha, 2.95, 65.20

LIMA.—Lima, 1st, S. S., 50; McComb, H. M., 20, S. S., same, 5.50; Mt. Blanchard, 4; Ottawa, 18, 97.50

LOGANSPORT.—Plymouth, S. S., 2.16; Remington, S. S., 20.55, Y. P. S., 7.78, Children's Bd., 1.22; Valparaiso, 30.35, 62.06

MADISON.—Baraboo, 4; Beloit, 21.35, S. S., 17, 42.35

MANKATO.—Tracy, Tracy Lights, 1.80; Worthington, Boys' Band, 1.69, 3.49

MAUMEE.—Antwerp, 15.94, th. off., 1.80; Bowling Green, 9.90, Willing Workers, 4.95; Bryan, 31.68; Defiance, 16.15, Y. P. Chr. Union, 6; Delta, 8.12; Grand Rapids, 8.54, Bd., 3.73; Hicksville, 4.95; Maumee, 5.94; W. Bethesda Ch., Montpelier, 17.82, Y. P. S., 24.75; Napoleon, 8.91; Perrysburgh, 1st, 10, Mission Gleaners, 25; Eagle Creek, 4; Toledo, 1st, 36.16, th. off., 19.80, Livingstone Bd., 45, Cheer-Workers, 7.92; 3d, 24.75, Lydia Bd., 27.40, Willing Workers, 8.20, King's Gardeners, jub. off., 15.83; Westminster Ch., 11.64, th. off., 34.80, Busy Bees, 40, Y. L. S., 50; Tontogany, 10.24; Weston, 5.94; Pleasant Ridge, 28.48; W. Unity, 33 67; Presbyterial off., 5.37, 613.38

MILWAUKEE.—Cambridge, Y. L. S., 8.21; Ottawa, 7.91, 16.12

MONROE.—Adrian, 71, Y. L. S., 20, S. S. M. S., 58.73, Wide Awake Bd., 10, Penny-a-week Bd., 10; Coldwater, 10, Y. L. S., 10, Willing Workers, 5; California, 6; Erie, Pansy Bd., 4.25; Hillsdale, 45.76. Y.L.S., 15, Girls' Bd., 20; Jonesville, jub. off., 3.80; Monroe, 23, Y. L. S., 15, S. S., 12.42; Palmyra, jub. off., 5; Quincy, 35, legacy of Miss Mary E. Sutton, 10; Raisin, 11; Reading, 2.50; Tecumseh, 33.96, Y. L. S., 38, Wide Awake Bd., 9, 488.47

MONTANA.—Bozeman, Cheerful Givers, 6; Corvallis, Busy Gleaners, 5; Deer Lodge, 33; Miles City, 30; Helena, 79.51, 153.51

MUNCIE.—Kokomo, 7.75; Perrysburg, 2; Portland, 12.50; Tipton, 15, 37.25

NEBRASKA CITY.—Adams, 4.30; Alexandria, 3; Auburn, 5; Beatrice, 41.38; Blue Springs, 2.83; Falls City, 19.71; Hebron, 11.65; Hubbell, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Thompson, 1.80; Humboldt, 13.80, Bd., 3.15; Liberty, 1.15; Lincoln, 74.10, S. S., 69.70, Happy Helpers, 13.85, Boys' Bd., 2.30, Y. M. S., 24, Y. L. B., 80; Nebraska, 17.20; Palmyra, Workers' Mission Circle, 12.50; Pawnee City, 4.10; Plattsmouth, 34.90, S. S., 9.35; Seward, 5; Sterling, 6.80; Table Rock, 7.18; Tamora, 6.88; Tecumseh, 5, 480.63

NEW ALBANY.—Charlestown, 4, Pearl Seekers, 5; Corydon, 10; Hanover, 14.55, Light Bearers, 1.37; Jeffersonville, 30.50; Madison, 1st, 12.50, Y. L. B., 18.75; 2d, 30, Morning Star Bd., 3.50, Mary Campbell Bd., 20.50; New Albany, 1st and 2d, 119.43, Mr. W. S. Culbertson, 500, Mrs. Nunemacher, 10; 1st, S. S., 50; 3d, 30.90, S. S., 50, Miss Ewing's cl., 20; N. Philadelphia, 8; N. Washington, 10; Rehoboth, 5; Salem, 14.80; Seymour, 18.25, Penny Gleaners, 7; Vernon, 23.65, Annie Fink Band, 4.35, 1,022.05

NIOBRARA.—Emerson, 8; Madison, 12.45; Ponca, 10; Wayne, 11, 41.45

OTTAWA.—Aux Sable, 12.85; Streator, 31.73; Waltham, 9.85, 54.43

OMAHA.—Bancroft, 3.95; Bellevue, 16.50; Blair, 8.35; Columbus, 8; Craig, 3.15; Creston, 25; Fremont, 19; Lyons, 2.90, pr. off., 2.50; Marietta, 23.60; Omaha, 1st, 67.25, pr. off., 52.50, Y. L. S., 15.85, pr. off., 7 43, Truth Seekers, 25, King's Soldiers, 10.96, Missionary Helpers, 10.42, S. S. birthday box, 18.65; 2d, 19.05, Little Harvesters, 17.75, Toilers, 8.69; Castellar St. Ch., 4.45; 1st German, 5; Southwest Ch., 12; Westminster Ch., 13.20; Schuyler, 7; Blair, coll. after Mrs. Ewing's address, 5; Craig, same, 7.25; Fremont, Pres. off., 10, 430.40

PEMBINA.—Bathgate, 25; Glasston, 2.50; Grand Forks, 20; Mekinock, Y. P. B., 30, 77.50

PEORIA.—Altona, 4.25; Astoria, 6; Brunswick Ch., 6; Canton, 49.70, S. S., 30, Bd., 70 cts.; Deer Creek, 9.85; Delavan, 33.32, S. S. B., 20.18; Dunlap, 55.91; Elmwood, 19.80. S. S., 7.54; Elmira, 25.05, Temple Builders, 7.75; Eureka, 27.45, S. S. and Band, 11.93; Farmington, 25.03, Light Bearers, 22.75; French Grove, 32; Galesburg, 63, Pearl Seekers, 10.86; Green Valley, 14.75, Rural Gleaners, 5.25; Ipava, 35.50, Gleaners, 20; John Knox Ch., 2.80; Knoxville. 26.50, Whatsoever Bd., 33.69; Lewistown, 80.50, Band, 5; Limestone, Miss S. A. Howarth, 5; Low Point, 5, S. S., 5; Oneida, 25.35, Bd., 15.65; Peoria, 196, E. R. Edwards Bd., 14.20, Little Lights, 6.30, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, 25; 2d, 182.25, Light Bearers, 82.65, Mrs. J. L. Griswold, 100; Calvary Ch., 24; Grace Ch., 52.20, Christian Bd., 1.35; Princeville, 7; Salem, 4.25; Vermont, 7; Washington, 14.30, S. S. B., 4.55; Yates City, 38.52, S. S. B., 3.72, 1,512.35

PUEBLO,—Canon City, 1st, 11, Bd., 5; Colorado Springs, 1st, 52, Y. L. S., 34.63; Pueblo, Mesa Ch., 43.30, S. S., 20; S. Pueblo, Mrs. John Cameron, 20; Trinidad, 5, 190.93

RED RIVER.—Crookston, 14.51; Fergus Falls, 41.42; Hallock, 3.95; Moorhead, 25.50; Warren, 10, 95.38

ROCK RIVER.—Albany, 5; Alexis, 27, Willing Workers, 9.50; Centre, 3.50; Dixon, 31.18, S. S., 3.75; Fulton, 5; Garden Plain, 13.93, pr. off., 32.57; Geneseo, 31.75, pr. off., 18.50, Y. L. M. S., 5.56, Boys' Mission Brigade, 41 cts., S. S., 3.38, Girls' Fragment Bd., 3.39; Munson, 22.67; Morrison, 10, pr. off., 68, Y. L. S., 33.50; Newton, 20, Earnest Workers, 13.25; Princeton, Bd., 50; Rock Island, Central Ch., 14.30, Bd., 8.37; Broadway Ch., 34.58, Willing Workers, 10, Ruth's Bd., 3.20, Busy Bees, 21.52, S. S., 24.73; Sterling, 20, Little Gleaners, 18; Woodhull, 10.72, 577.26

SAGINAW.—Marlette, 1st, 6.25

ST. PAUL.—Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., 42.67, pr. off., 13.09, King's Daughters, 5.01, S. S., 63.05; Franklin Ave. Ch., 1; Stewart Memorial Ch., Y. L. M. S., 2.50; Westminster Ch., Gleaners, th. off., 5. Boys' Brigade, 20, S. S., 60; Litchfield, 20; St. Paul, Central Ch., Y. L. S., 324.02, Little Flock, 20, Boys' Bd., 20; Dayton Ave. Ch., Gleaners, 32.70, S. S., 42; House of Hope Ch., 92; Stillwater, 60; White Bear Lake, 6, 829.04

SCHUYLER.—Appanoose, Willing Workers, 10; Camp Creek, 10; Camp Point, 9.85; Carthage, 18.25; Clayton, 6;

Elvaston, Acorn Bd., 5; Fountain Green, Bouquet Bd., 5; Monmouth, 81.50; Mt. Sterling. 8; Quincy, 45; Wythe Ch., 4, 202.60

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Dell Rapids, 10.50, Bd., 25; Montrose, 2.50; Scotland, 6, Bd., 38, 82.00

SPRINGFIELD.—Irish Grove, 6; Jacksonville, Central Ch., 25; Portuguese Ch., 5; State St. Ch., S. S. 15.87; Springfield, 1st, 30.04, 81.91

UTAH.—Salt Lake City, 1st, 7.55; Pres. off., 4.50; H. M., 4.50, 16.55

VINCENNES.—Brazil, 5.20; Pres. off. at Hartington, 8.08, 13.28

WATERLOO.—Toledo, Y. L. S., 12.88; Waterloo, 7.55 20.43

WHITEWATER.—Knightstown, Y. L. S., 10, th. off., 5; Liberty, 2 50, 17.50

WINNEBAGO.—Appleton, 33; Fort Howard, 9, Little Gleaners, 1; Fond du Lac, 11.50; Oshkosh, 40; Steven's Point, 37; Weyauwega, S. S. M. S., 3.17, 134.67

WINONA.—Owatonna, 14.66, Nan Intah Bd., 25; Kasson, 3.40; Preston, 4; Winona, 20, 67.06

MEMORIAL.—By sale of "A Brief Record of the Life of Mary Campbell," 1.32

MISCELLANEOUS.—M. E. M., 10.25; Miss Fannie E. Ward, 54.46; Magnolia, Md., Miss Mary E. Hamilton, 1, H. M., 1; Miss F. Shields, 1; Adrian, Ill., Ruth Pettijohn, 2.50; anon., 35 cts.; Easter offering, 20; toward the million, 12; Zumbrota, Minn., "a birthday memorial for our mother," 6; N. Baltimore, O., Mrs. C. H. Johnston, 1.30; miscel., 1.15; W. N. S., 4; Societies for pub. of report and letter: Dayton, 1; Crawfordsville, 1st, 1.10; Rock Island, Ill., Central Ch., 1; misc., 75 cts.; by sale of leaflets, etc., 67.92; annals, 66.85; Lights and Shades, 1.10; calendars, 1.50, 370.08

Total for month,	$17,082.03
Previously acknowledged,	65,390.09
Total from April 20, '87, to April 20, '88,	$82,472.12

Mrs. C. B. FARWELL, Treas.,
Room 48, McCormick Block.

CHICAGO, April 20, 1888.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Balance for March, 1888.

[POSTPONED FROM MAY ISSUE FOR WANT OF ROOM.]

HUDSON.—Bethel, 2; Blauvelt, 11.79; Chester, 25.68; Cochecton, 10, one member, pr. off., 1, Willing Workers, 12; Florida, 28; Goshen, 70, Ready Workers, 18, Boys' Bd., 40; Haverstraw, Central, 75; Hopewell, 25.22; Middletown, 1st, 59, S. S., pr. off., 25; Monticello, 17; Mount Hope, 4; Nyack, 34, pr. off., 25, Newton Miss. Bd., 10; Port Jervis, 35; Ramapo, 26.60, S. S., 60; Ridgebury, 12.55; West Town, 36, 662.84

LONG ISLAND.—Amagansett, Miss. Bd., 9.75; Bridgehampton, 14; Franklinville, 11; Greenport, 22.50; Mattituck, 14.03; Middle Island, Middletown, 12.50; Moriches, 15, Little Helpers, 1.50; Riverhead, Mrs. S. D. Whaley, 5; Sag Harbor, 19; Setauket, 11, Children's Bd., 2; Southampton, 43; Southold, Y. P. Bd., 23; Westhampton, 13.50, Wide Awakes, pr, off., 7.36; Yaphank, 7.58. 231.72

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Cloverport, 8; Hopkinsville, 1st, 25.50; Kuttawa, 5.55, pr. off., 13.45, Little Workers, 2; Louisville, Central, 90; College St., 100; 4th, 12, pr. off., 44; Olivet, 18; Walnut St., 20.65, Y, P. Bd., 1.74, Jefferson St., Miss. Bd., 3,75; Warren Memorial, pr. off., 100; Owensboro, 25, S. S., 25, Mrs. Clelland's cl., 35; Pewee Valley, 26; Plum Creek, 4.25; Princeton, 15.45; Shelbyville, 14.75, Y. P. Bd., 13, 603.09

LYONS.—Clyde, 20, pr. off. add'l, 5, a friend, 25; East Palmyra, 30; Fairville, 3; Huron, 3; Junius, 7; Lyons, Miss. Bd., 9.90; Newark, 15.10, Girls' Guild, 22.36, Cameron Bd., 52.50, S. S., 5.02; Ontario, 9; Palmyra, Little Gleaners, 10; Red Creek, 9; Rose, 10; Sodus, 10.88; Wolcott, 23, 269.76

MORRIS AND ORANGE, N. J.—Morristown, 1st, 74.53; South St., 150, Y. L. S., 150, a friend, pr. off., 20; Parsippany, 30; South Orange, 1st, S. S., 75, 499.53

NASSAU.—Babylon, 30; Bellmore, 5, pr. off., 15; Glen Cove, 13; Hempstead, 11.66, Miss. Bd., 5; Huntington, 1st, Children's Bd., 26.50; Islip, 32.95; Jamaica, 114.79, Cheerful Givers, 4.80; Melville, 6.33; Northport, 13; Oyster Bay, 10 31; Roslyn, 2.92; Smithtown, 10, 301.26

NEW YORK.—Bethany, a few ladies, 7; Brick, 186; Chapel, S. S., 245; Central, 100; Ch. of the Covenant, 400, Miss. Bd., 75, Mrs. J. R. Skidmore, 200, Mrs. J. B. Scribner, 50; Chapel, 18; Ch. of the Puritans, Y. P. S., 70; Crosby St., Italian S. S., 2.11; Fifth Ave., 2,250, Y. L. S., 248,07, King's Children, 360; Fourth, Silver Link Soc., A. L. Kydd memorial, 35, S. A. Macdonald memorial, 38, S. S., 50; Fourth Ave., 187.50; Harlem, 100; Madison Sq., 942.46; North, S. S., Mrs. Rossiter's cl., 30; Park, 158.50, Light Bearers, (boys), 16.50; Phillips, 60; Scotch, 525, pr. off., add'l, 9.50, Y. L. S., 70, Immanuel S. S., 75; Thirteenth St., 30, S. S., 12.50; University pl., 1,050.05, Bethlehem Bd., 4, Emmanuel Chapel, 48, Y. P. S., 112.81; Washington Heights, 30; West, 745; Westminster, 80, Girls' Bd., 22.62, Boys' Bd., 21.37, 8,664.99

NIAGARA.—Albion, 78.15, Coral Workers, 3.50; Holley, 9; Lewiston, 3.46; Lockport, Calvary, 10; 1st, 53, King's Guards, 6,25; 2d Ward, 5, Cheerful Givers, 6; Lyndonville, 10; Medina, 14, Y. P. S., 20; Wilson, 5.07, pr. off., 2.77; Wrights Corners, Morning Star Bd., 2, 228.20

NORTH RIVER.—Amenia Union, 55,47; Cornwall, 21.60; Cornwall-on-Hudson, 21; Freedom Plains, S. S., Christmas barrels, 13.77; Highland Falls, 6.67; Marlboro, 20; Newburgh, Calvary, 6, Earnest Workers, 5, S. S., 15; 1st, Morning Star Bd., 5; Union, 50; New Hamburgh, 13.29, Fanny Wight Soc., 2.28; Pine Plains, 22; Pleasant Plains, 14; Pleasant Valley, 22; Poughkeepsie, Cheerful Workers, 50 c.; Rondout, pr. off., 6.63, 300.21

OTSEGO.—Buel, 3.82; Cherry Valley, 12.50; Cooperstown, 25; Delhi, 1st, 68; 2d, 18.10, Y. L. Miss. Cir., 5; Downsville, 5; Guilford Centre, 5.25; Hobart, 30; Laurens, 10; New Berlin, 3; Oneonta, 8.75; Stamford, 23, 217.42

ROCHESTER.—Brighton, 55; Brockport, 50; Caledonia, 32.15, Cheerful Workers, 50, pr. off., 20; Dansville, 50; Fowlerville, 25, pr. off., 15.08; Geneseo, 76.40, Y. L. S., 23.75, Miss. Bd., 60; Groveland, Y. L. S., 5; Honeoye Falls, 10; Lima, 28.07; Livonia, 25; Moscow, 20; Mt. Morris, Y. L. S., 10.55, S. S., two classes, 3.12; Nunda, 10; Ogden, 68, Ellinwood Bd., 15; Pittsford, 24.69; Rochester, Brick, 103, in memoriam Mrs. Shaw, 132; Calvary, Y. L. S., 41.83; Central, 28.94, pr. off., 5, Jenny Lush Bd., 45, Do-what-you-can Bd., 2.36, Mrs. M. A. Gaylord, 1; Emmanuel, 12,31; 1st, 64; Memorial, 46.35; North, 13.12, Missionary Workers for Christ, 12; St. Peter's, 50, Emily Chumasero Bd., 50; 3d, 24.68, pr. off., 62; Westminster, 49.16, Miss. Bd., 40; Sparta, 1st, 15; Victor, 53, Miss. Bd., 22; Webster, 8.19, Earnest Workers, 1.20; Pres. Soc., special coll. at Annual Meeting, 19.50, 1,578.45

ST. LAWRENCE.—Adams, Y. L. S., 7; Canton, 25, Miss. Bd., 14.66; Carthage, 14.15; Gouverneur, 11.03; Morristown, 20.52; Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie, 1st, 225; Oxbow, 33.50; Sackett's Harbor, 10, S. S., 8.50; Theresa, 7.50; Waddington, 50; Watertown, 1st, 150; Stone St., 25, 601.86

STEUBEN.—Addison, 25, Miss. Bd., 25.45; Almond, 26.30; Arkport, 4.20, Miss. Bd., 5; Bath, 17.50, Miss. Bd., 30; Campbell, 31; Canisteo, 12; Cohocton, 6.20, Miss. Bd., 10.40; Corning, 50, pr. off., 5, Miss. Bd., 34, pr. off., 9; Hammondsport, 20; Hornellsville, 100; Howard, 7, Miss. Bd., 3.50; Painted Post, 20; Prattsburgh, 16; Pulteney, Miss. Bd., 7, 464.55

Syracuse.—Canastota, pr. off., 27.51; East Syracuse, 29; Fayetteville, 40.09. Miss. Bd., 50; Hannibal, 10; Liverpool, 15; Marcellus, 10; Oswego, 1st, 36; Pompey, 40; Skaneateles, 54; Syracuse, 1st, 59.26, Ramona Miss. Bd., 60; First Ward, 68; 4th, 52.37, Standard Bearers, 15, pr. off., 82.09, Children's Division, 18.92; Park, 54.25; Westminster, 11; Whitelaw, 10, 742.49

Transylvania, Ky.—Columbia, 10; Danville, 71; Harrodsburg, 32.50, Coral Workers, 8.60; Lebanon, 15, Helping Hand Bd., 25, 162.10

Utica.—Camden, 17.50; Clinton, 20, Y. L. S., 25, Boys' and Girls' Bd., 30, S. S., 60; Holland Patent, 10; Knoxboro, 38.39, pr. off., 12.51; Little Falls, Glad Tidings Bd., 25; Rome, 94.32; Sauquoit, 21; Turin, 6, Y. L. S., 15; Utica, 1st, 175, Do-good Band, 5, S. S., dime offering, 120.44; Memorial, 20, S. S., 50; Westminster, 15, Fisher Bd., 50, S. S., 25, 835.16

Westchester.—Bedford, Owen Bd., 10, pr. off., 5; Bridgeport, Conn., 100, Hope Miss. Bd., 7.60; Dobbs Ferry, 50; Katona, 15; Mahopac Falls, 25; New Rochelle, 94; Peekskill, 1st and 2d, 46.26, Helping Hand, 65.51; Pelham Manor, Huguenot Memorial, 38.15; Port Chester, 35; Rye, 191.40; Sing Sing, a lady, pr. off., 10; Stamford, Conn., 200, pr. off., 82.60, Children's Bd., 15; Thompsonville, Conn., 33; Yonkers, 1st, 60; Westminster, 25, Constant Workers, 50; Yorktown, Y. L. S., 10, 1,168.52

Miscellaneous.—Cash, 29.65; Clifton Springs, Dr. M. B. Gault, 50; Danville, Iowa, S. E. Cable, 3; Envelopes, 1.10; Florence, Italy, a friend, 25; Hot Springs, N. C., Mrs. J. E. Dorland, 1, Mrs. H. E. P., 2; leaflets, 72.34; mite boxes, 28 cts.; Moodus, Conn., pr. off., 2; Oxford, O., Dr. Alexander Guy, 50; Plainfield, N. J., 1st, S. S., 25, a lady, 5; Rabway, N. J., Mrs. Sarah E. Lewis, 40; Tokyo, Japan, Miss Maryal Knox, 70 cts.; White Sulphur Springs, Mont., Mrs. R. N. Sutherlin, 5, 312.07

Total,	$24,788.51
Total receipts from April 1, 1887,	62,685.66
Interest on money deposited,	68.19
	$62,753.85
Sent to us by mistake and returned,	209.50
Corrected total for the year,	$62,544.35

Errors in February report.—Bingbamton, 1st, S. S., 87.50, should be: Bingbamton, 1st, 87.50, pr. off., add'l, 9.68, S. S., special, 25. Washingtonville, 72.59, should be: Washingtonville, 1st, 72.59. Geneva Society, a box valued at $35, should read: Geneva, North, Y. L. S., organ, $35.

Also Receipts for April, 1888.

Brooklyn.—Classon Ave., 43.75; 1st, 40.22; Trinity, 7, 90.97

Cayuga.—Auburn, Central, S. S., 11.36; 1st, S. S., 25, Mrs. F. L. G., 5; 2d, S. S., 25, C. S. S., 1, G. M. S., 4; Aurora, Soc. for Christian Work, 25, 96.36

Chemung.—Horseheads, S. S., 13.16; Pine Grove, 3; Watkins, Y. L. S., 15, 31.16

Ebenezer, Ky.—Ashland, 1st, 30.00

Genesee.—Batavia, 33.50; Pres. Soc., 57.12, 90.62

Geneva.—West Fayette, 26.25

Hudson.—Chester, Miss. Bd., 50; Hillburn, Eleanor Davidson, 90 cts.; Scotchtown, 25, 75.90

Louisville, Ky.—Louisville, Central, 103.27; Princeton, 3, 106.27

Lyons.—Lyons, Y. L. S., 5; Williamson, 10, 15.00

New York.—Bethany, United Workers, 145; Brick, 28; Calvary, Progress Miss. Bd., 5; Fifth Ave., 125, Miss Mary Hall, 10; First Union, 15; Harlem, 60; Madison Sq., 210; Miss Ellen C. Parsons, 10, 608.00

Niagara.—Barre Centre, 4; Lockport, Miss M. E. Howell, 1; Wrights Corners, 12; Pres. Soc., 25, 42.00

North River,—City, Smithfield, 18; Kingston, 15; Newburgh, 1st, Y. L. Miss. Club, 25; Poughkeepsie, 1st, a friend, 5, 63,00

Otsego.—Middlefield Centre, 5.50

Rochester.—Rochester, 1st, Miss. Bd., 30; 3d, Seed Sowers, 5, 35.00

St. Lawrence.—Adams, 8.65, Y. L. S., 1; Brownville, 2.50; Cape Vincent, 18.50; Dexter, 7.25; Gouverneur, 1; Hammond, 65, 103.90

Steuben.—Corning, 20.00

Syracuse.—Amboy, Miss. Bd., 7.50; Jordan, 10, 17.50

Transylvania, Ky.—Dicks River, 1; E. Bernstadt, 5, 6.00

Westchester.—Brewsters, Central, 17.16; Hartford, Conn., 1st, Christian Cir., 25; Patterson, 25; Rye, 5, 72.16

Miscellaneous.—Leaflets, 30.20; leaflets sold at Annual Meeting, 28.90; mite boxes, 35 cents; offerings at Annual Meeting, 435.58; St. Augustine, Fla., 1st, 6.50, 501.53

Total, $2,037.12

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BOXES.

From the Young People's Ass., Ch. of the Puritans, to the Faith Hubbard School, Persia, $30.

From Ladies' Society, Memorial Ch., Brooklyn, to Miss Van Duzee's school, Persia, $80.

Society at Turin, six dolls to Bangkok, $3.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society of Northern New York, from April 1, to April 18, 1888.

Albany.—Johnstown, 150; Saratoga, 1st, 119.19; Schenectady, 1st. 40; Greenbush, 20; Albany, West End, 14.44; Amsterdam, 2d, 300.51; West Milton, 19.50; Sand Lake, 20; Batchelorville, 15.46; Carlisle, 4; Jefferson, 6.83; West Troy, 23,24; Gloversville, 114.14; Saratoga, 2d, 60.15; New Scotland, 47.50; Albany, 4th, 504.02; Kingsboro, 20; Albany, 3d, 50; Charlton, 63; Albany, 1st, 198.40; Ballston Centre, 29.65; Bethlehem, 7; Albany, 2d, 355.80; Schenectady, East Ave., 10; Ballston Spa, 196; Day, 1.70; Albany, 6th, 86, 2,476.53

Columbia.—Greenville, 25.50; Hudson, 289.50; Hillsdale, 13; Valatie, 22; Cairo, 13; Hunter, 7; Ancram Lead Mines, 13.60; Canaan Centre, 40; Catskill, 110, 533.60

Champlain.—Chateaugay, 16; Champlain, 36.57; Port Henry, 51; East Constable, 5; Belmont, 19; Plattsburgh, 36.70; Essex, 20; Peru, 2; Ausable Forks, 15.41; Mooers, 6; Black Brook, 5.42, 213.10

Troy.—Cohoes, 183.65; Cambridge, 78.50; Troy, 9th, 219.18; 2d, 367.90; Sandy Hill, 18; Stillwater, 66.31; Argyle, 4.25; Troy, Westminster, 85.66; Hoosac Falls, 95.56; Whitehall, 97.82; Fort Edward, 10; South Granville, 3; Lansingburgh, 103.84; Troy, 1st, 5; Waterford, 125; Malta, 4; Salem, 30, 1,497.67

Total from Presbyteries,	$4,720.90
Coll. at Annual Meeting of Albany Miss. Bds,,	8.58
Special gift to Contingent Fund,	50,06
Balance from last year,	232.58
Previously reported,	5,401.30
Total for year,	$10,413.42

Error in May report: For "Previously reported, $2,518.09" read $2,518.60.

Mary E. Church, Treas.

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